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The trees have yet to flaunt their petals, but already the masses feel the primal pull of spring. Join them, won't you? PAGES 14-25

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March Madness: Hoyas jump into the fray, plus an NCAA TV guide 10-12

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STICKY FINGERS

Police Find Baffled Thieves Stuck to Getaway Vehicles

Thieves are illegally tapping maple trees on private property in Maine and stealing sap that is used to make maple syrup. Forest Ranger Jeff Currier says the Maine Forest Service has gotten a dozen complaints from landowners finding taps in their trees with buckets or jugs underneath to collect the sap. (AP)

PAYING IT FORWARD

"We are always on the lookout for ways to recycle."

— **KATHY COX,** OF DOGS ALOUD, A DOG-GROOMING SALON IN ENGLAND, WHICH IS ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO TAKE HAIR FROM THE SALON AND LEAVE IT OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES FOR BIRDS TO MAKE NESTS WITH, THE BLACKPOOL GAZETTE REPORTED THURSDAY

REVIEWS

'That Was the Priciest Bumper-Car Ride Ever'

San Diego police are searching for a couple who crashed a $250,000 Lamborghini only hours after it was purchased. KGTV-TV reported that police were called Monday after witnesses said a 2008 black Lamborghini Murcielago left Interstate 5 at a high speed and crashed; they said a man and woman got out and ran off. Police said paperwork in the car indicated it had been purchased that day. (AP)

The Big Picture

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'KATE NEEDED THE CARRIAGE' Queen Elizabeth II boards a train Wednesday on her way to Baker Street Underground Station, where she was to mark the 150th anniversary of the London Underground.

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Nation

Health Law Is a Mirage for Some

Obamacare's foes hinder promise of coverage across U.S.

Washington

Three years, two elections, and one Supreme Court decision after President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, its promise of health care for the uninsured may be delayed or undercut in much of the country because of entrenched opposition from many Republican state leaders.

In half the states, mainly led by Democrats, officials are racing deadlines to connect uninsured residents to coverage now only months away. In others it's as if "Obamacare" — signed Mar. 23, 2010 — had never passed.

Make no mistake, the federal government will step in and create new insurance markets in the 26 mostly red states declining to run their own. Just like the state-run markets in mostly Democratic-led states, the feds will start signing up customers Oct. 1 for coverage effective Jan. 1. But they need a broad cross-section of people, or else the pool will be stuck with what the government calls the "sick and worried" — the costliest patients.

Insurance markets, or exchanges, are one prong of Obama's law, providing subsidized private coverage for middle-class households who currently can't get their own. The other major piece is a Medicaid expansion to serve more low-income people. And at least 13 states have already indicated they will not agree to that.

"It could look like two or three different countries," said Robert Blendon, a Harvard School of Public Health professor who studies public opinion on health care. "The political culture of a state is going to play an important role in getting millions of people to voluntarily sign up."

The Congressional Budget Office predicts a slow start overall, with only 7 million gaining coverage through the exchanges next year, rising to 24 million in 2016.

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR (AP)

Affordable Care Act's Target Markets

The government sees three main groups of potential customers for the new insurance, said Gary Cohen, head of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight. There's the "active sick and worried," people who are uninsured or have pre-existing medical conditions. Under the law, insurers will no longer be able to turn the sick away. There's the healthy and young. "They feel invincible, they don't feel a need for health insurance," Cohen said. Finally, there's the passive and unengaged. "For these people, a significant education effort needs to happen," he said. To keep premiums affordable, the government will need to sign up lots of people from the last two groups to balance those in poor health. Public outreach will begin in earnest this summer and early fall. (AP)

Government Funding Bill Passes the House

Washington

Moving on two fronts, the GOP-controlled House on Thursday voted to keep the government running for the next six months while pushing through a tea-party-flavored budget for next year that would shrink the government by another $4.6 trillion over the next decade.

The spending authorization on its way to the White House for President Barack Obama's signature leaves in place $85 billion in spending cuts to the Pentagon and domestic agencies. The result will be temporary furloughs for hundreds of thousands of federal workers and contractors over the next six months and interrupted, slower or halted services and aid for many Americans.

The nonbinding GOP budget plan for 2014 and beyond calls for a balanced budget in 10 years' time and sharp cuts to safety-net programs for the poor and other domestic programs.

Thursday's developments demonstrated the split nature of this year's budget debate. Competing nonbinding budget measures by each party provide platforms for political principles; at the same time Capitol Hill leaders forged a bipartisan deal on carrying out the government's core responsibilities, in this case providing money for agencies, preventing a government shutdown. ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)

In Pa., Winter Not Going Without a Fight

JOHN RUCOSKY/AP

LEAH CODDINGTON SHOVELS SNOW at her home Thursday in Boswell, Pa., after an overnight storm dumped about 5 inches of snow.

Paperback Greener: Thanks to conservation efforts and the rise of e-books, the publishing industry is creating a leaner and cleaner paper trail. According to a new report Thursday by two environmental groups — the Book Industry Environmental Council and Green Press Initiative — paper suppliers use around 25 percent recycled fiber for book materials, compared with an estimated 5 percent in 2004. (AP)

In Brief

DENVER

Civil Unions Signed Into Law by Colo. Governor

Civil unions for gay couples got Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper's signature in Colorado on Thursday, punctuating a dramatic turnaround in a state where voters banned same-sex marriage in 2006 and restricted protections for gays two decades ago. The law will take effect May 1. (AP)

NEW YORK

N.Y. Suspect in Deadly Crash Pleads Not Guilty

Julio Acevedo pleaded not guilty to three counts of manslaughter on Thursday in a crash that killed a pregnant woman and her husband. The couple's premature baby was delivered after the wreck but died as well. Acevedo also pleaded not guilty Thursday to criminally negligent homicide. (AP)

CHICAGO

54 Chicago Schools to Close to Address Deficit

Chicago Public Schools officials said Thursday they will close 54 schools as part of a plan to address the district's $1 billion deficit. District CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel say the closures are necessary because too many school buildings are half-empty. (AP)

Corrections

- A graphic with the Cover Story "Wars' Debts Run Deep" on page 9 Wednesday improperly labeled the lines for WWI and peacetime. WWI benefits are roughly $20 million annually; peacetime/other benefits are more than $5 billion a year.
- The World story "Pakistani Girl Shot by Taliban Back in School" on Page 6 Wednesday was cut off. The last sentence should have said: "The shooting sparked outrage in Pakistan and many other countries."
- The Lookout story "'Bible' Told Me So" on page 15 Thursday incorrectly described the photo. The image is of John baptizing Jesus.

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Reid: Background Checks in Gun Bill

Lawmaker says he hopes senators can strike compromise

Washington

Gun-control legislation that the Senate debates next month will include an expansion of federal background checks for firearms buyers, Majority Leader Harry Reid said Thursday in a victory for advocates of gun restrictions.

The announcement underscores that Democrats intend to take an aggressive approach in the effort to broaden the checks, currently required only for transactions involving federally licensed firearms dealers.

President Barack Obama and many gun-control supporters in and out of Congress consider an expansion of the system to private gun sales to be the most effective response lawmakers could take in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., massacre. The system is designed to keep guns from criminals, people with serious mental problems and others considered potentially dangerous.

Opponents including the National Rifle Association say background checks are easily sidestepped by criminals and threaten creation of a government file on gun owners — which is illegal under federal law.

Reid said that during Congress' upcoming two-week break, he hopes senators will strike a bipartisan compromise on broadening background checks. But without a deal, he indicated the gun bill would include a stricter version approved this month by the Senate Judiciary Committee expanding the system to virtually all private gun transactions with few exceptions.

"I want to be clear: In order to be effective, any bill that passes the Senate must include background checks," Reid said in a written statement. ALAN FRAM (AP)

"I felt strongly that I needed to tell him something, and I needed to get that out of my system. I felt very motivated to do it and ... it was something that I needed to do."

— **ALISSA PARKER,** MOTHER TO 6-YEAR-OLD EMILIE, WHO DIED IN THE NEWTOWN, CONN., MASSACRE, ON MEETING WITH THE GUNMAN'S FATHER TO BRING SOME CLOSURE. PARKER AND HER HUSBAND, ROBBIE, TOLD "CBS THIS MORNING" ON THURSDAY THAT THEY MET WITH PETER LANZA TO TALK ABOUT HIS SON, ADAM, FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR.

Hearsay

"I'm not gay. So I'm not going to marry one."

— **SEN. SAXBY CHAMBLISS, R-GA.,** ON WHETHER HIS VIEWS HAD CHANGED ON GAY MARRIAGE. POLITICO REPORTED THURSDAY HOW MOST GOP LAWMAKERS AND SOME CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATS STILL OPPOSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE.

Pediatricians: Allow Gay Marriage

Chicago

The nation's most influential pediatrician's group says gays should be allowed to marry to help ensure the health and well-being of their children.

The American Academy of Pediatrics' new policy, published online Thursday, cites research showing that the parents' sexual orientation has no effect on a child's development. Kids fare just as well in gay or straight families when they are nurturing and financially and emotionally stable, the academy says.

The academy believes that a two-parent marriage is best equipped to provide that kind of environment. Their policy says that if a child has two gay parents who choose to marry, "it is in the best interests of their children that legal and social institutions allow and support them to do so."

The academy announced its position Thursday. Officials with the group said they wanted to make the academy's views known before two gay marriage cases are considered by the U.S. Supreme Court next week. (AP)

2M

The number of U.S. children who are being raised by gay parents — many of them in states that don't allow gays to marry, according to reports that the American Academy of Pediatrics cited in its new statement that says gays should be allowed to marry

$320M

The jackpot Powerball reached after no winners were drawn Wednesday night. Iowa Lottery spokeswoman Mary Neubauer says the jackpot is the sixth-highest in history but that it could grow depending on sales at the end of each day. The largest Powerball jackpot in history was $587.5 million in November, with the holders of two winning tickets sharing the jackpot (AP)

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In Brief

PARIS

Lawyer: Sarkozy Facing Illegal Donation Charges

Sarkozy

A lawyer says preliminary charges have been filed against former French President Nicolas Sarkozy in connection with allegations he illegally took donations from France's richest woman for his 2007 election campaign. Lawyer Antoine Gillot told i-Tele that Judge Jean-Michel Gentil in the southwestern city of Bordeaux placed Sarkozy under investigation — a step short of formal charges — after hours of questioning Thursday. (AP)

ROME

Italy to Return Marine Murder Suspects to India

The Italian government says it will return to India two marines facing murder charges in the shooting deaths of two fishermen. The announcement Thursday reversed an earlier decision by the Foreign Ministry saying the pair would not return on March 22 as agreed when they were granted permission to return home to vote in Italian elections. The case has escalated tensions between India and Italy. (AP)

Hearsay

"It's touched a really raw nerve. We do seem in New Zealand to be oversensitive to how the rest of the world perceives us."

— **STEVE MATTHEWMAN,** A SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR IN NEW ZEALAND. SOME IN THE NATION TOOK ISSUE WITH A LINE FROM THE MOVIE "ARGO" — "KIWIS TURNED THEM AWAY" — FOR IMPLYING THEY DID NOTHING TO HELP AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN IN 1979. (AP)

Obama Urges Israeli Compromise

President: It's crucial to reverse undertow of global isolation

Jerusalem

President Barack Obama delivered an impassioned appeal Thursday for Israel to recognize that compromise will be necessary to achieve lasting security and to take steps to reverse an "undertow" of international isolation that is worsened by its failure to make peace with the Palestinians.

Obama declared anew that Israeli expansion of housing settlements in disputed territory only hinders chances for fruitful negotiations with the Palestinians, but he did not say as he has in the past that they must be halted.

Reminding an audience of Israeli university students that the United States is their country's best friend and most important ally, Obama said the U.S. will never back down on its commitment to Israel's defense, particularly against threats such as the one posed by Iran and its nuclear program.

"As long as there is a United States of America, you are not alone," he told a packed audience that erupted frequently with applause and standing ovations.

Whereas once Israel could feel at ease by keeping good relations with Arab autocrats, the revolutions sweeping the Middle East and North Africa have made broader outreach, especially on the Palestinian issue, an imperative, he added.

"Just as Israelis built a state in their homeland, Palestinians have a right to be a free people in their own land," Obama said.

JULIE PACE AND MATTHEW LEE (AP)

CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Both sides must be "willing to break out of the old habits, the old arguments, to reach that new place, that new world."

— **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA,** WHO MADE AN IMPASSIONED APPEAL IN JERUSALEM THURSDAY FOR RENEWED PEACE TALKS BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS

Talking Back

A heckler interrupted President Barack Obama's speech Thursday, cutting into his appeal for peace with a comment about an imprisoned spy. "This is part of the lively debate that we talked about," Obama said to loud applause from an audience of Israeli university students. "This is good." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Top Sunni Muslim Preacher Killed

Beirut

A suicide bombing tore through a mosque in the Syrian capital Thursday, killing a top Sunni Muslim preacher and longtime supporter of President Bashar Assad along with at least 13 other people.

The assassination of Sheikh Mohammad Said Ramadan al-Buti removes one of the few remaining pillars of support for the Alawite leader among the majority sect that has risen up against him.

The powerful explosion struck as al-Buti, an 84-year-old cleric and religious scholar who appeared often on TV, was giving a religious lesson in the Eman Mosque in the central Mazraa district of Damascus, according to state TV.

Suicide bombings blamed on Islamic extremists fighting with the rebels have become common in Syria's 2-year-old civil war.

But Thursday's explosion marked the first time a suicide bomber detonated his explosives inside a mosque.

Syrian TV footage showed wounded people and bodies with severed limbs on the blood-stained floor and, later, bodies covered in white body bags lined up in rows. Sirens wailed through the capital as ambulances rushed to the scene of the explosion, which was sealed off by the military.

In recent months, Syrian TV has carried al-Buti's sermon from mosques in Damascus live every week. ZEINA KARAM (AP)

Meanwhile ...

A cease-fire between Syria and Israel is threatened by Syria's civil war, as fighting along a line between the countries undermines the United Nations' ability to monitor terms of the truce, according to U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. It is the most serious challenge to the 39-year-old truce, which set terms for a stalemate after the Yom Kippur War. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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The extra years added to the age of the universe, based on new results obtained from studying the split second after the Big Bang occurred. The findings released Thursday bolster a theory called inflation, which says the universe burst from subatomic size to its now-observable expanse in a fraction of a second. (AP)

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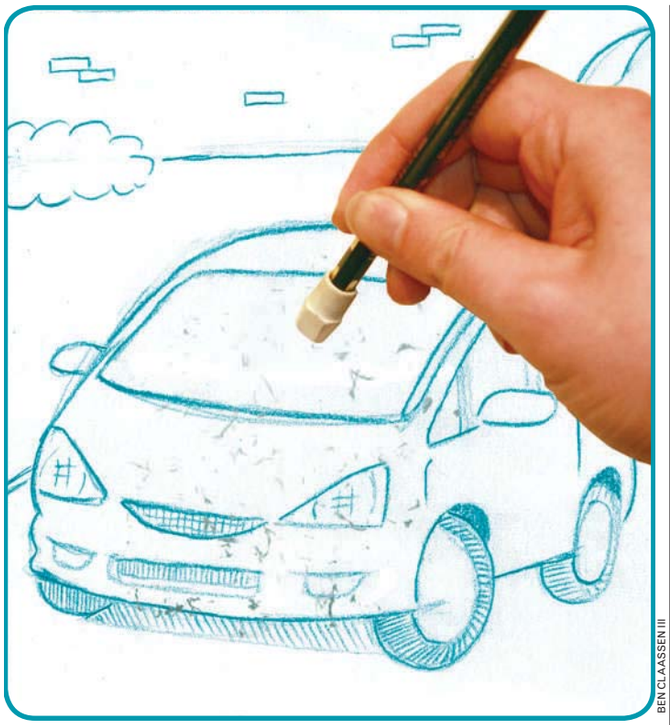

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Campaign Trail

I have a slogan all ready for Karen O'Donnell in case she runs for office in 2016: She's going places. The 58-year-old picked up Express on the Friday before Obama's second inauguration and read "Haul of Presidents," our list of nearly 50 locations honoring the nation's commanders in chief. We promised a prize for anyone who took photos at all of the sites.

O'Donnell liked the challenge but decided to forge her own path to victory. One that didn't involve driving.

"I've improved on your suggestions a bit," she noted when she emailed her Flickr set just one month after the swearing-in. Getting to the Lyndon Johnson Memorial Grove, for instance, seemed to require a car. So she nixed a few spots, swapped others around and added a few new ones (including Ronald Reagan National Airport).

The changes made sense for transit-riding Express readers — as well as O'Donnell, who's lived in Washington since 1983 and been car-free for the past 15 years.

"I wasn't when I first got here. I've weaned myself off," says O'Donnell, who's found that she can launch almost any adventure from the Benning Road Metro stop near her apartment. "Some people think that the older you are, the more you want to be in a car. But the older I get, the more fun I have without one."

By Vicky Hallett

When visitors come to town, she likes to organize a rendezvous at a Metro stop to teach them how to use the system and to demonstrate how far a farecard can take them. She's walked from the Rosslyn station to Teddy Roosevelt Island, taken the bus to Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and hopped on the Circulator to get to Barracks Row.

"Some people, the only time they take Metro is when they're going to and from work," O'Donnell says. "They're in such a rut. They only know two stations."

O'Donnell has popped out of various stops just to explore what's nearby (which is one of the reasons she's looking forward to the opening of the Silver Line). Over the next few months, she'll be seeking out cherry blossoms beyond the Tidal Basin and touring embassy open houses through Cultural Tourism DC's Passport DC program.

Not having to worry about maneuvering in city traffic or finding a place to park means that whenever O'Donnell finds out about an event, she can head over there on a whim. Or, she can read about a photo scavenger hunt in Express and knock it out in about the same amount of time that William Henry Harrison spent as POTUS.

COURTESY KAREN O'DONNELL

Karen O'Donnell got presidential at the National Museum of American History.

Inside Men: Metro GM Richard Sarles on Tuesday named two of his existing managers to top positions at the transit agency. In an internal email, Sarles said Rob Troup, who has been serving as acting deputy general manager of operations since Dave Kubicek left the post last week, will take on that role permanently. Sarles also said Ron Pavlik, a deputy chief in the Metro Transit Police Department, will take over as chief of police for Michael Taborn, who is retiring. (TWP)

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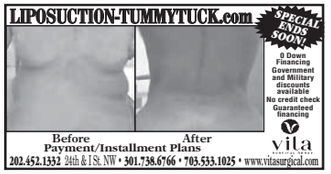

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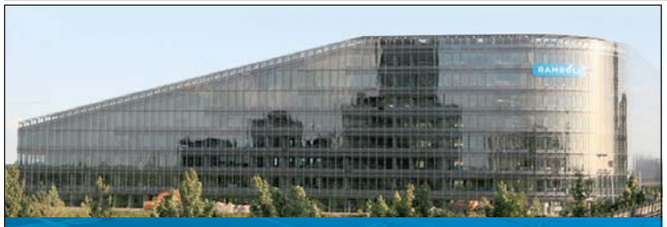

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Silver Spring

Metro could walk away from the troubled Silver Spring Transit Center if it isn't satisfied with repairs Montgomery County, Md., will have to make to the $112 million bus-and-train hub, an agency spokesman said Wednesday.

Metro was supposed to assume control of the three-level structure at least two years ago. But an engineering report released Tuesday found the facility unusable and unsafe in its current condition, plagued by design and construction errors that led to cracked, inadequately strengthened concrete.

The opening, delayed several times, has been postponed indefinitely, as officials devise a plan to address the problems.

SARAH L. VOISIN/TWP

The opening of the Silver Spring Transit Center has been delayed indefinitely.

"If the facility is not safe or there are issues regarding its long-term maintainability, we have the right to not accept it," said Dan Stessel, Metro's chief spokesman and director of communications.

The report, commissioned by the county from KCE Structural Engineers, found that contractors, led by Parsons Brinckerhoff and Foulger-Pratt, did not follow Metro design criteria specified in the contract. Among the omissions, according to consultants, were failure to follow proper time and temperature requirements for "curing," or hardening the concrete after it was poured, and to adequately protect it from corrosion.

Persistent cracking led the county to hire KCE, which took more than 70 concrete samples from the transit center. Tests showed that concrete supplied by Facchina, a LaPlata company, had an average strength of 6,970 pounds per square inch. The contract called for 8,000 pounds per square inch. The concrete was also not thick enough at various locations.

KCE said that, as currently constructed, the building's useful life span is less than the 50 years provided for by the contract.

BILL TURQUE AND DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Fighting Words

***Politicians in Takoma Park, Md.,** may soon be pandering to a younger demographic: teenagers. Council members Tim Male and Seth Grimes have proposed lowering the city's voting age to 16 as part of a series of measures to encourage voting in local elections. There will be a public hearing on the proposals April 8. Should younger teens be eligible to join the political fray? Takoma Park Patch (Takomapark.patch.com) reported Wednesday on the local debate:*

"Would [my children] be able to understand the issues in the same way? They really don't think so. They are so focused on the crew team, the sailing team ... They are focused on being teenagers."

COLLEEN CLAY, A FORMER TAKOMA PARK COUNCIL MEMBER, SAID SHE ISN'T "INCONVINCIBLE" BUT THINKS THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER DEBATE.

"Voting is the cornerstone to democracy, and I believe offering teens the chance to vote in local elections can help encourage civic responsibility."

BEN FESHBACH, A STUDENT AT THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL IN ROCKVILLE, BEGAN A SIGNON.ORG PETITION FAVORING THE MOVE.

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Thursday, March 21

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Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	4-1-4-9
Mid-day D.C. Five	3-9-9-5-1
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	7-6-3-8-5
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	8-9-11-27-31 (3)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-1-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-3-6
Mid-day Pick 4	2-4-7-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-5-8-8
Match 5 (Wed.)	17-29-35-36-37 (33)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	1-11-17-28-32-42

Multi-State Games

Power Play	13-14-17-43-54
Powerball	15

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	0-5-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-1-2
Mid-day Pick 4	6-8-6-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-6-5-1
Mid-day Cash 5	5-14-18-23-26
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	6-13-16-18-20
Win For Life (Wed.)	1-2-14-31-33-36 (37)

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

Man Fatally Shot Near L St. Club

Witnesses report argument before gunfire downtown

Washington

Early Thursday, just two months after the Ascot was reopened as club Balletto in the wake of a multimillion-dollar makeover, a man police believe had been a patron was shot and killed in a silver BMW parked within steps of its front door.

Police said they're investigating whether the gunfire was the result of a dispute inside the club that spilled to the sidewalk after the 2 a.m. closing.

The shooting at 17th and L streets NW comes as police are reorienting their deployment to deal with the challenge that comes with D.C.'s burgeoning night scene.

It also shows how violence associated with closing times is not limited to clubs along U Street and in Adams Morgan and more traditional areas.

Among those in attendance at Balletto were a Redskins running back, who said on Twitter that he left before the shooting, and a New York Giants linebacker. Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Torrey Smith has canceled a scheduled appearance there for Saturday because of the shooting.

D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier has not yet invoked her emergency powers to shut Balletto for up to four days. Lanier used that power at other clubs 15 times in 2012 and twice so far this year to help slow club-associated violence.

Authorities said that witnesses told them the victim had been to Balletto before the shooting, but detectives were reviewing surveillance video to confirm the accounts.

Lt. Robert Alder, commander of the homicide squad, said police do not yet know a motive for the shooting. But he said the club manager and its valet reported two groups of people arguing and pushing outside the door before a man with a gun walked up to the BMW and fired.

The driver, Paul Aime Tanoh Danzo, 24, of Laurel, Md., was killed, police said. He was hit at least once in the head, they said.

Police said the shooter escaped in another BMW, this one black with chrome wheels, which police were searching for Thursday.

No arrests have been made.

PETER HERMANN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

National Zoo Elephants Get Upgraded Digs

Overhaul of exhibit cost $56M and took 7 years to complete

Washington

A 1930s-era elephant house that drew a rebuke in 2006 from an animal rights group has been transformed into a wide-open new elephant community center at the Smithsonian's National Zoo.

On Saturday, the zoo will open its new "Elephant Trails" area to the public, following a $56 million overhaul completed over the past seven years. It's a major expansion of living space for the zoo's three endangered Asian elephants, 65-year-old Ambika, 38-year-old Shanthi and the 11-year-old male, Kandula.

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Saturday's public opening of 'Elephant Trails' marks a major expansion for the zoo.

It is among the largest expansions and overhauls of an exhibit in the zoo's history.

Now elephants can roam freely in and out of two buildings with the addition of a new elephant barn. Concrete floors have been replaced with mostly sand and rubber to provide a more natural habitat and help ease the strain on the massive animals' joints.

A larger outdoor space includes a walking trail for exercise stretching a third of a mile uphill through the zoo where visitors can see the elephants outside of their building. The young male Kandula now waits at the trail gate, roaring impatiently when he's ready for a stroll.

There are fewer than 40,000 Asian elephants in the wild, and their habitat is shrinking. New exhibits feature facts about conservation, their digestive systems and how they communicate.

Marie Galloway, the elephant manager who has worked at the National Zoo for 26 years, said she thought the new facility would never happen. "When I look back at the pictures of what it used to look like, it's just such a tremendous difference." BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

In Brief

STERLING, VA.

Authorities: Homeowner Warned Teen Intruder

Police say a homeowner fired a warning shot and gave verbal warnings before fatally shooting a 16-year-old neighbor who drunkenly entered the wrong home by mistake. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office said Thursday that Caleb Gordley of Sterling, Va., died from a gunshot to the back of his shoulder. Caleb was shot after passing the homeowner in a hallway and walking toward a bedroom where others were located. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

Court Upholds Md. Handgun-Permit Law

Maryland's law requiring handgun permit applicants to demonstrate a "good and substantial reason" for carrying a weapon outside their own home or business is constitutional, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday. The unanimous decision by a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a judge's ruling that the law violated the Second Amendment. (AP)

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Gray Picks New Deputy Mayor for Education

D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray on Thursday named Abigail Smith, a former Teach for America executive with leadership experience in both traditional D.C. schools and charters, as the city's next deputy mayor for education. Assuming she is confirmed by the D.C. Council, Smith will replace De'Shawn Wright, who resigned in the fall to take a job in New York.

EMMA BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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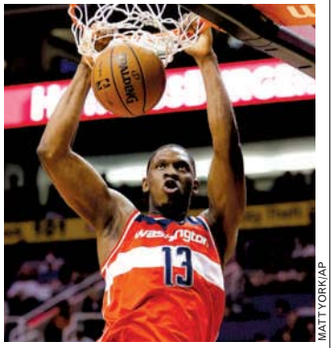

MATT YORK/AP

Kevin Seraphin and the Wizards have back-to-back West Coast road games.

Friday

7 P.M. The Caps play their second of a back-to-back against the Southeast Division-leading Winnipeg Jets. CSN

10:30 P.M. Coming off their sixth road win of the season, the Wizards head to Los Angeles to face a Lakers team fighting for the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference. CSN

Saturday

10:30 P.M. The Wizards end their four-game road trip against the Warriors, who are in sixth place in the Western Conference. CSN

Sunday

7 P.M. The Caps lost to the Rangers 4-1 on March 10 at Verizon Center. The rivals face off for the third time this season on Sunday in New York. CSN

NOTHING SCHEDULED

Rose Still MIA

Bulls point guard Derrick Rose still isn't sure when he'll come back from his knee injury. He sounded like a player who might miss the entire season, though he said he hasn't experienced any setbacks in his recovery. He said Thursday that he's still experiencing soreness in his surgically repaired left knee. (AP)

Hoyas Upset Over Past

Georgetown trying to break its trend of losing in 1st weekend

NCAA Tournament

Since reaching the 2007 Final Four, Georgetown's NCAA tournament history is littered with disappointment. Its loss last year in the third round to N.C. State was the fourth-straight first-weekend exit for the Hoyas. In that span, they have a 2-4 record, with three of those defeats coming as a top-three seed.

6:50 P.M.
Friday | TBS

This season, the Hoyas (25-6) are in a familiar spot. They're a No. 2 seed with high expectations, starting with Friday night's South region game in Philadelphia against No. 15 seed Florida Gulf Coast.

Junior guard Markel Starks, the Hoyas' second-leading scorer, is using the previous pain to ensure the past doesn't repeat itself with this season's squad.

"I've never lost that feeling," said Starks, who has gone through two early exits. "I did promise myself that if we were to be in this situation again, we wouldn't be in here with sad faces."

That will require dispatching the Atlantic Sun champion Eagles (24-10), then either No. 7 San Diego State or No. 10 Oklahoma on Sunday.

"We're the quote-unquote top dog in the tournament right now. We're the two seed," Starks said. "We're going to bring it to them. We're not going to sit back and let them bring it to us. Come on now."

Earlier this season, the Eagles showed they could hang with a top program when they stunned Miami, the No. 2 seed in the East region. Pass-first point guard Brett Comer's command and the Eagles' collective poise impressed Georgetown coach John Thompson III.

"They are not going to be rattled," he said. "There is nothing that we'll throw at them that they haven't seen."

That explains why Thompson's plan is to do exactly what got the Hoyas to this point in the season: ride Big East player of the year Otto Porter Jr. and one of the nation's stingiest defenses.

"At this point I think you have to fall back on what we've been doing all year," Thompson said. "It's not like we're going to totally reinvent the wheel because of what they do."

Of course, there is one obvious adjustment to make.

"It's really about putting that behind us at his point," said forward Nate Lubick, referring to Georgetown's early tournament losses. "This is a new tournament. We've got a new opportunity ahead of us." BENJAMIN STANDIG (FOR EXPRESS)

ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Big East player of the year Otto Porter Jr., center, and the Hoyas open the NCAA tournament Friday vs. Florida Gulf Coast.

Early Exits

Coach John Thompson III and the Hoyas have lost in the first weekend in their past four NCAA tournament appearances. (EXPRESS)

2012
No. 3 Hoyas **74**, No. 14 Belmont **59**
No. 11 N.C. State **66**, No. 3 Hoyas **63**

2011
No. 11 VCU **74**, No. 6 Hoyas **56**

2010
No. 14 Ohio **97**, No. 3 Hoyas **83**

2008
No. 2 Hoyas **66**, No. 15 UMBC **47**
No. 10 Davidson **74**, No. 2 Hoyas **70**

> **"I did promise myself that if we were to be in this situation again, we wouldn't be in here with sad faces."**
>
> — **GEORGETOWN GUARD MARKEL STARKS** ON THE HOYAS' EARLY EXITS IN RECENT NCAA TOURNAMENTS.

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STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

Gonzaga forward Kelly Olynyk scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the top-seeded Bulldogs escaped with a 64-58 win over No. 16 Southern on Thursday.

No. 1 Gonzaga Survives a Scare

NCAA Tournament

Still don't think Gonzaga deserved that No. 1 seed? There might be a few more doubters now.

Entering the NCAA tournament top-seeded and top-ranked for the first time in program history, the Zags nearly made another kind of history Thursday — coming only a few minutes and a rimmed-out shot or two from becoming the first No. 1 to lose to a No. 16.

Gonzaga prevailed 64-58 over Southern University in a game that wasn't safely in hand until the final buzzer sounded. No. 1 seeds improved to 113-0 since the field was expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

No. 3 Michigan St. 65, No. 14 Valparaiso 54

Derrick Nix's strength and skill were much too much for Valparaiso.

Nix had 23 points and a career-high 15 rebounds to help power Michigan State past the Crusaders.

No. 3 Marquette 59, No. 14 Davidson 58

Vander Blue's layup with one second left capped Marquette's rally from a nine-point deficit and gave the Golden Eagles a victory over Davidson.

Blue and Jamil Wilson made consecutive 3-pointers to bring Marquette within 58-57 with 11 seconds left. The Golden Eagles then caught a huge break when De'Mon Brooks' long inbounds pass went out of bounds at midcourt with 5.5 seconds left, providing another opportunity.

No. 4 Saint Louis 64, No. 13 New Mexico St. 44

Saint Louis had no problem maneuvering around 7-foot-5 freshman Sim Bhullar and New Mexico State.

Dwayne Evans scored 24 points, Cody Ellis added 12 points and the Billikens overwhelmed the Aggies.

The Billikens (28-6) eclipsed the 1988-89 team's school record of 27 victories.

No. 12 Oregon 68, No. 5 Oklahoma St. 55

Damyean Dotson scored 17 points and Arsalan Kazemi added 11 points and 17 rebounds to help Oregon extend a run that began in the Pac-12 tournament by beating Oklahoma.

The Washington Post

Late Games: Thursday night's NCAA tournament games ended after Express' deadline. For results, visit **washingtonpost.com/sports**

No. 6 Butler 68, No. 11 Bucknell 56

Andrew Smith had a double-double with a career-high 16 rebounds and 14 points, and Butler made 18 of 20 free throws down the stretch to hold off upset-minded Bucknell. Roosevelt Jones added 14 points for the Bulldogs, back in the tournament for the first time since making back-to-back runs to the national title game in 2010 and 2011.

No. 6 Memphis 54, No. 11 Saint Mary's 52

Down by five with only a few seconds remaining, Matthew Dellavedova and Saint Mary's nearly pulled off an NCAA tournament upset for the ages.

Instead, the senior star's last-second shot sailed long, and Memphis moved on to the next round.

Dellavedova's 3-pointer from the right wing missed everything as time expired, allowing Memphis to hold on for a win. The Tigers led by 15 in the first half but nearly gave the game away in the final seconds.

No. 9 Wichita St. 73, No. 8 Pittsburgh 55

Malcolm Armstead scored 22 points, Cleanthony Early added 21 and Wichita State defeated Pittsburgh.

The Shockers forced Pitt into 15 turnovers and held the Panthers to 35 percent shooting, including 1 of 17 from 3-point range. (AP)

You're My Boy Blue!

Marquette was down seven points when Vander Blue went to the foul line with 1:33 left. In the remaining 93 seconds, Blue scored seven points — including the go-ahead layup — and the third-seeded Golden Eagles came back to avoid getting upset by No. 14 Davidson.

Not Coming Up Big

Mike Muscala is Bucknell's dominant 6-foot-11 NBA prospect. He averaged 19.0 points and 11.2 rebounds for the Bison this season and hoped to improve his draft stock with a solid NCAA tournament run. But he struggled mightily against Butler, shooting 4-for-17 from the field for nine points in Thursday's loss. It was just the second time all year he was held to less than double digits.

Deep in Thought

Wichita State beat Pittsburgh by 18 points despite making just two of 20 3-pointers. One of the reasons the Shockers were able to advance despite poor shooting was because they didn't allow the Panthers to hit from deep either. Pittsburgh was an even worse 1-for-17 from beyond the arc. JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)

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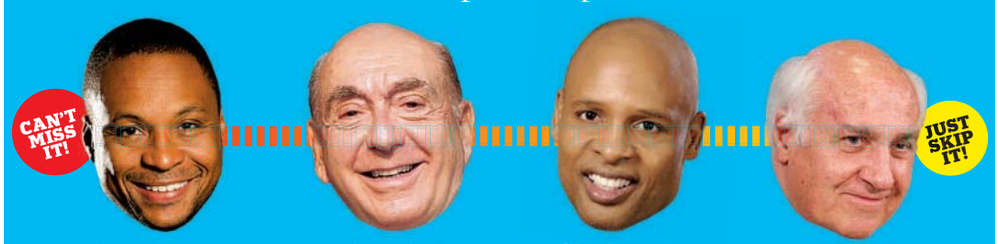
MARCH MADNESS TV GUIDE (PART DEUX)

Another 16 games in a 12-hour span? Here's a guide to figure out which NCAA tournament matchups are worth tuning in to on Friday, using a rating system of some of the most well-known college basketball announcers of past and present. JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)



Gus Johnson
Your head will literally explode with excitement. (OK, not literally).

Dick Vitale
You'll get into it — ending every sentence with "baby." But it may be overrated.

Clark Kellogg
Nothing special. There won't be many highs or lows during the game.

Billy Packer
This one you'll probably just want to tune out.

MIDWEST

No. 2 Duke vs. No. 15 Albany
12:15 p.m., CBS

The Blue Devils were a No. 2 seed last year and lost to No. 15 Lehigh. But Albany doesn't have a player like C.J. McCollum, who scored 30 points in Lehigh's upset. The Great Danes went 9-7 in the America East but won the conference tournament.

Rating: Billy Packer

WEST

No. 5 Wisconsin vs. No. 12 Ole Miss
12:40 p.m., TruTV

The Rebels' Marshall Henderson is probably the most polarizing player in the country. The bombastic guard averaged 20.1 points a game and will be facing a Wisconsin team that controls tempo and allowed 55.9 points a game.

Rating: Gus Johnson

EAST

No. 8 N.C. State vs. No. 9 Temple
1:40 p.m., TBS

The Wolfpack are one of the most talented teams in the field with C.J. Leslie, Richard Howell and Lorenzo Brown but have underachieved all year. The Owls feature streaky shooter Khalif Wyatt, who is dangerous when hot.

Rating: Dick Vitale

EAST

No. 2 Miami vs. No. 15 Pacific
2:10 p.m., TNT

For the first time ever, an ACC team won the regular season and tournament and wasn't rewarded with a No. 1 seed. Miami's early-season loss to Florida Gulf Coast, a No. 15 seed, might give Pacific some confidence.

Rating: Clark Kellogg

MIDWEST

No. 7 Creighton vs. No. 10 Cincinnati
2:45 p.m., CBS

Bluejays forward Doug McDermott was second in the country in scoring, averaging 23.1 points a game. Cincinnati ranked in the top 25 in scoring defense and opposing field goal percentage.

Rating: Dick Vitale

WEST

No. 4 Kansas State vs. No. 13 La Salle
3:10 p.m., TruTV

Led by Tyrone Garland, the Explorers raced to an 80-71 first-round win for the right to play the Wildcats. Kansas State had a share of the Big 12 regular-season title and lost to Kansas in the conference tournament final.

Rating: Dick Vitale

EAST

No. 1 Indiana vs. No. 16 James Madison
4:10 p.m., TBS

The Dukes are riding a season-long five-game winning streak after their first-round win over LIU Brooklyn. Indiana spent more weeks at No. 1 than any other team this year and won the Big Ten regular-season title.

Rating: Clark Kellogg

EAST

No. 7 Illinois vs. No. 10 Colorado
4:40 p.m., TNT

Neither team is particularly hot right now. Colorado has lost three of its past five games, including one at home to Oregon State. Illinois struggled down the stretch in the tough Big Ten, losing four of six to end the season.

Rating: Billy Packer

SOUTH

No. 2 Georgetown vs. No. 15 Florida Gulf Coast
6:50 p.m., TBS

Big East player of the year Otto Porter Jr. fizzled down the stretch — shooting under 50 percent in his past four games. But Markel Starks stepped up to help the Hoyas. The Eagles won the Atlantic Sun and have a win over Miami.

Rating: Clark Kellogg

WEST

No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 15 Iona
7:15 p.m., CBS

Gaels senior guard Lamont Jones averaged 23.0 points a game this season, third-most in the country. But he'll be hounded by Buckeyes pestering point guard Aaron Craft, who is an elite on-ball defender.

Rating: Dick Vitale

SOUTH

No. 8 North Carolina vs. No. 9 Villanova
7:20 p.m., TNT

Since going to a smaller lineup, the Tar Heels have played much better, making a trip to the ACC title game. Villanova has been a giant killer, defeating Louisville, Georgetown and Syracuse when each was in the top five.

Rating: Gus Johnson

SOUTH

No. 3 Florida vs. No. 14 Northwestern State
7:27 p.m., TruTV

The balanced Gators had five players average between 9.0 and 12.6 points a game. The Demons, the champions out of the Southland Conference, average an NCAA-most 81.0 points a game.

Rating: Clark Kellogg

SOUTH

No. 7 San Diego State vs. No. 10 Oklahoma
9:20 p.m. TBS

Aztecs guard Jamaal Franklin averaged 16.7 points and 9.5 rebounds a game, but he shot just 40.5 percent from the field. Senior forward Romero Osby leads the Sooners in scoring (15.8) and rebounding (7.0).

Rating: Clark Kellogg

WEST

No. 7 Notre Dame vs. No. 10 Iowa State
9:45 p.m., CBS

This game will probably be won by whichever team shoots the 3 better. Iowa State led the country in 3-pointers made, averaging 9.8 per game. Notre Dame led the Big East in 3-point shooting percentage (37.3).

Rating: Dick Vitale

SOUTH

No. 1 Kansas vs. No. 16 Western Kentucky
9:50 p.m., TNT

Kansas has the top freshman in the country in Ben McLemore, who averaged a team-high 16.4 points a game. The Hilltoppers finished 10-10 in the Sun Belt but went on to win the conference tournament.

Rating: Billy Packer

SOUTH

No. 6 UCLA vs. No. 11 Minnesota
9:57 p.m., TruTV

The Bruins are without Jordan Adams, who broke his foot in the Pac-12 tournament. So they'll lean even more on freshman Shabazz Muhammad. Minnesota has lost 11 of its past 16 games after starting the year 15-1.

Rating: Dick Vitale

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CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Coach Jurgen Klinsmann and the U.S. national team will be without several key players for Friday's game.

Klinsmann on Hot Seat

U.S. short-handed as it hosts Costa Rica in World Cup qualifier

Soccer

The pressure is on U.S. national team and manager Jurgen Klinsmann, with much of it self-imposed.

Last month, the Americans kicked off the final round of World Cup qualifying with a 2-1 loss at Honduras.

Landon Donovan is still on hiatus and won't be available for the Americans' World Cup qualifying matches against Costa Rica on Friday and Mexico on Tuesday.

10 P.M.
Friday | ESPN

A number of key players are injured or were not called in because of club inactivity, forcing Klinsmann to turn to a somewhat patchwork group of players.

On top of all that, Sporting News reported this week on apparent discontent and dissension among a number of U.S. players in regards to Klinsmann's methods and approach in his 19 months since succeeding Bob Bradley as national team boss.

The fallout can either serve as a rallying cry for the U.S. or be the first step on a path to World Cup-qualifying catastrophe.

Regardless of the unwelcome buzz, the team's task at hand remains the same: amass points and punch a ticket to Brazil 2014.

That task continues at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City, Colo., on Friday when a team without the likes of Donovan, Carlos Bocanegra, Tim Howard, Steve Cherundolo, Fabian Johnson, Danny Williams and Timmy Chandler clash with a Costa Rica team that boasts a strong attack and played to a 2-2 draw at Panama in its final qualifying round opener.

"We don't want to be the team that doesn't qualify. That's where our focus is," said Clint Dempsey, who has been anointed as captain for the upcoming matches after the controversial omission of longtime captain Bocanegra.

These two matches will be the USA's last until a busy summer stretch that includes three June World Cup qualifiers.

Prior to those three games will be a pair of friendlies, one in Cleveland against Belgium on May 29. The second one, U.S. Soccer announced Thursday, will be held at Washington's RFK Stadium on June 2 against Germany and will act as the Centennial Celebration Match to commemorate 100 years of U.S. Soccer. AVI CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)

Meanwhile ...

Jurgen Klinsmann's decision not to call up Bill Hamid, left, or Chris Pontius for the two upcoming U.S. national team games is D.C. United's gain. Both will be available — although United center back Dejan Jakovic, on duty with Canada, will not — when the club faces the Columbus Crew in a Saturday matinee at RFK Stadium at 3:30 p.m. United is looking to extend its home unbeaten streak to 20 games. Columbus won't be at full strength, as Jairo Arrieta, one of the Crew's top scoring threats, will be on duty with Costa Rica. Both teams enter the match with 1-1-1 records. A.C.

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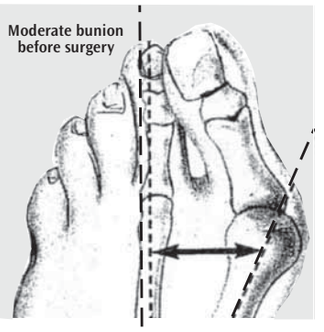

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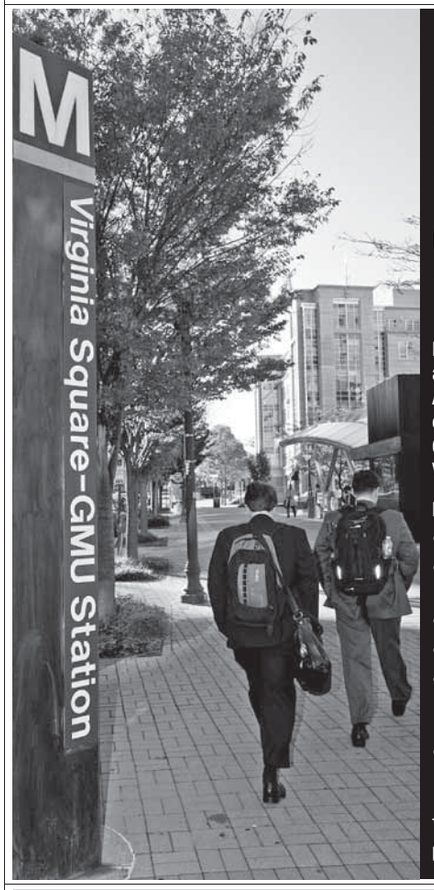

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GETTING THERE

Parking is limited near the Tidal Basin. Consider these options:

Metro

Ride the Blue or Orange line to the Smithsonian station for the shortest walk. The L'Enfant Plaza station, on the Blue, Orange, Yellow and Green lines, is a 10-minute walk from the blossoms. Those who plan to make a few trips on a single day should consider buying a One Day Pass for $14. There is no longer a restriction on what time of day the pass can be used.

Bus

The 7Y, 11Y, 13F, 13G, 16F, H1, L1, N3, P1, V7, V9, X1 and 52 Metrobus routes stop within a half-mile of the blossoms.

Bike

The following Capital Bikeshare locations are within walking distance of the blossoms: Jefferson Memorial; Ohio Drive and West Basin Drive SW (MLK and FDR memorials); Lincoln Memorial; Jefferson Drive and 14th Street SW; and 12th Street and Independence Avenue SW (USDA). There will be free racks for parking bikes at 15th Street and Independence Avenue SW from March 23 to April 7. There is also some bike parking near the Washington Monument and by the Jefferson Memorial.

If You Drive

Hains Point has free parking for about 800 cars. There also is limited free parking along Ohio Drive SW in West Potomac Park.

For more travel information, visit Godcgo.com, Nationalcherryblossomfestival.org and Washingtonpost.com/local/traffic-commuting.

PEAK BLOOM

The National Cherry Blossom Festival runs through April 14; the trees themselves are on their own timetable. The National Park Service recently revised its prediction for the blossoms' peak bloom from March 26-30 to April 3-6. Peak bloom is closely correlated to March temperatures, and March has been colder than average. Chilly weather is expected for the rest of the month. (TWP)

				March	22	23	April	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Destination: Basin

The blooming of D.C.'s cherry trees is rivaled only by snowstorms in its ability to turn brains to pudding. Strange urges manifest, like a sudden desire to publicly propose marriage, or a need to hoard toilet paper. Everyone forgets how to drive their cars — and bikes, Segways, mobility scooters and strollers. In all that ruckus, the many charms of the Tidal Basin are easily lost. Behold, we found them for you. TEXT: HOLLY J. MORRIS AND STAFF (EXPRESS); MAP AND ILLUSTRATIONS: JOHN S. DYKES (FOR EXPRESS)

CLIFFORDS PHOTOGRAPHY VIA FLICKR

Japanese Stone Lantern

Disregard the ignominious origins of this 362-year-old lantern: It was made to honor a shogun who wanted to kick Christians out of Japan. It arrived here in 1954, a gift marking the opening of U.S.-Japanese trade relations 100 years before. The lantern is lit once a year, for the National Cherry Blossom Festival; see it on April 7 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

John Ericsson Memorial

The monument to the inventor of the Monitor (the Union ironclad that kicked the Confederate Merrimack's butt during the Civil War) boasts what might be the District's only outdoor statue of a Viking. Ericsson, who also perfected the screw propeller, was Swedish, you see. The monument flaunts the requisite allegorical topless woman (representing Vision) and an ironworker (Labor). Ericsson sits below them, deep in thought. ***Independence Avenue and Ohio Drive SW.***

JEFF KUBINA VIA FLICKR

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

You don't have to crane your neck to appreciate FDR's memorial, which honors the 32nd president on a human scale — four outdoor rooms, each dedicated to one of his terms in office. The "Cherry Tree Rebellion" (see Jefferson Memorial, page 17) took place under his watch. As did a cherry-blossom tragedy: Vandals cut down four trees following the attack on Pearl Harbor. For the rest of World War II, officials referred to the trees as "Oriental" instead of "Japanese." ***Nps.gov/frde.***

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

The $120 million monument is the first on the Mall dedicated to an African-American individual. For the best view, approach the Mountain of Despair, two towering rock formations, from the ranger station. The spot has an eerie connection to the cherry trees around it: Average peak bloom is April 4, the date King was assassinated in 1968. ***Nps.gov/mlkm.***

MARY BETH SANCOMB-MORAN VIA FLICKR

D.C. War Memorial

Unlike its neighbors, the most underrated (and understated) monument on the National Mall isn't national. The 1931-dedicated D.C. War Memorial honors the 26,000 individuals from D.C. who fought in the "Great War," and the names of 499 Washingtonians who died in the conflict are carved into its base.

First Airmail Flight Marker

This plaque on a rock commemorates the launch of America's first regular airmail service. At this spot in 1918, one of four planes on the Philadelphia/New York/D.C. route took off to great fanfare. Technical difficulties meant the pilot ended up making an emergency landing in Waldorf, Md. The plaque doesn't mention that.

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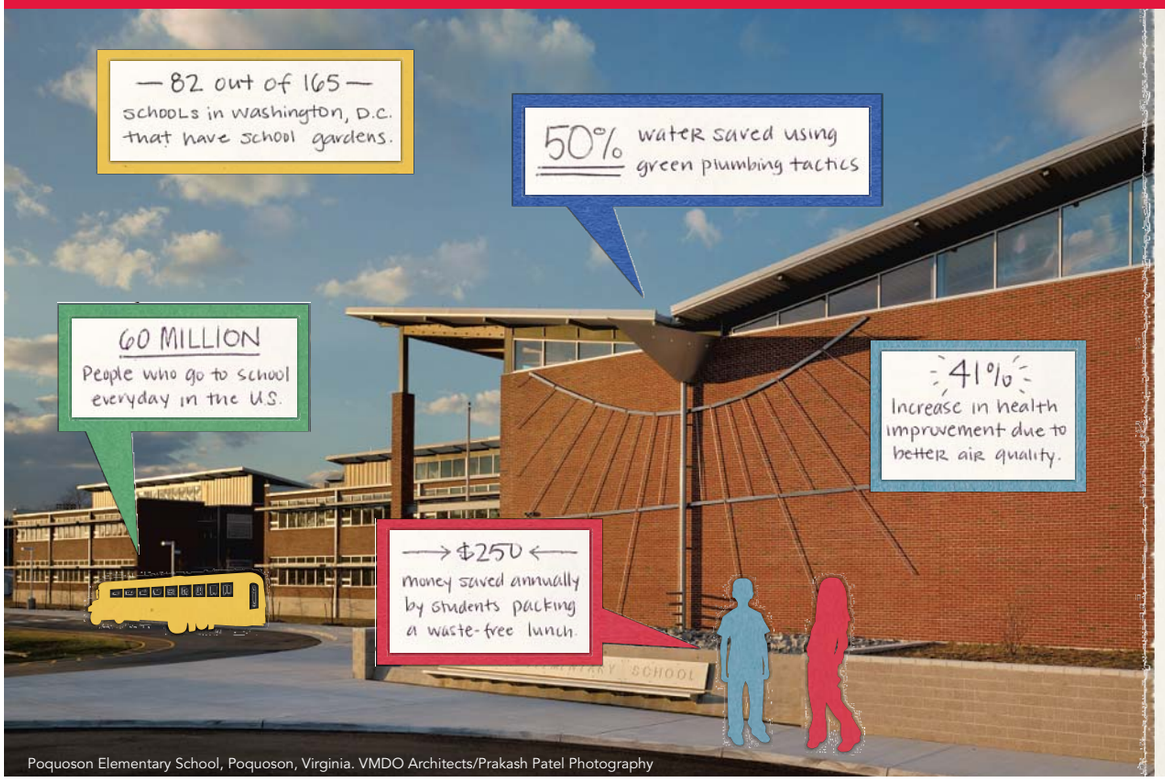

Poquoson Elementary School, Poquoson, Virginia. VMDO Architects/Prakash Patel Photography

GREEN SCHOOLS

The first-ever museum exhibition dedicated to the greening of American schools explores green and sustainable practices in school buildings, from architecture, lighting, and water systems to school gardens, lunch, and recycling. A full-size, walk-through modular classroom called Sprout Space™ is featured on the Museum's lawn so visitors can head back to school, green-style.

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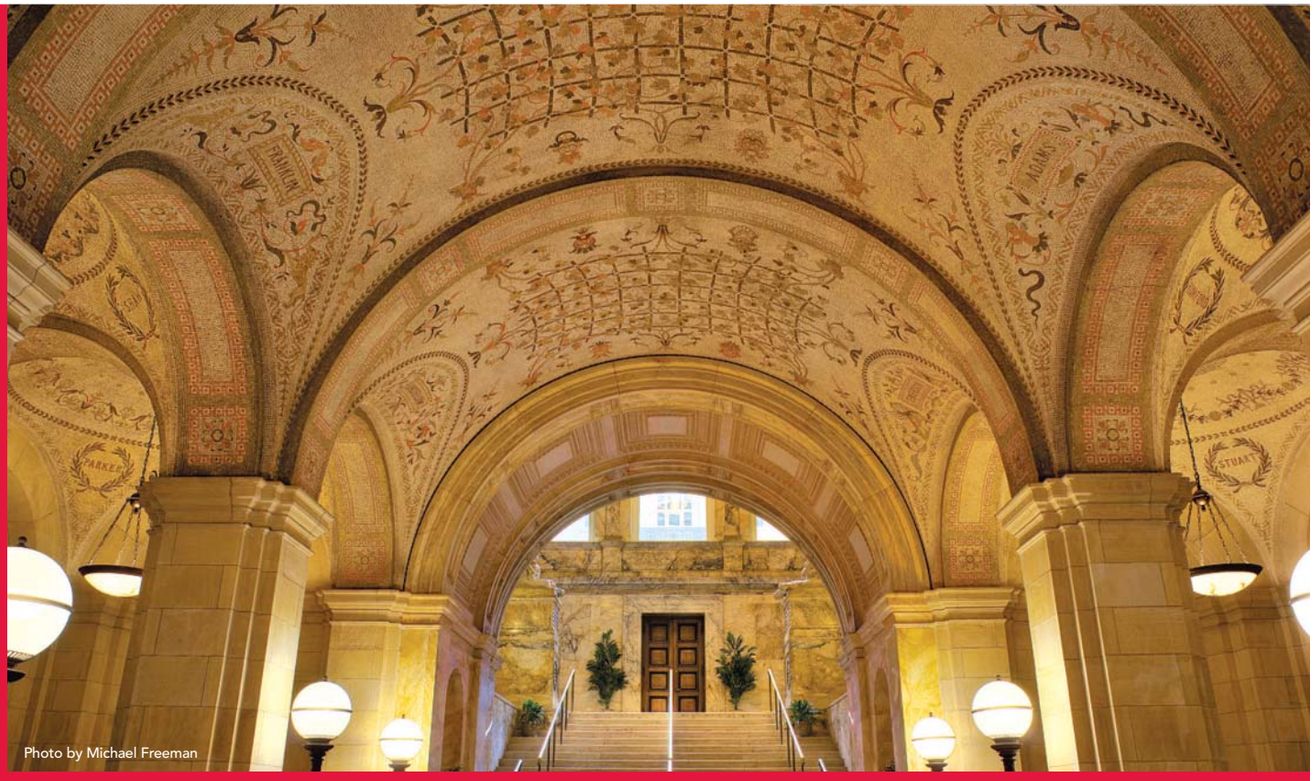

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Basin Instincts

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Japanese Pagoda

Like an Ikea product from hell, the 3,800-pound granite pagoda arrived in 1957 in five crates with no assembly instructions. Library of Congress researchers helped put it together, and it was dedicated a year later. The maybe-13th-century temple was a personal gift from the mayor of Yokohama, Japan, to former D.C. Commissioner Renah Camalier, who, perhaps having no room in his yard, bestowed it on the District.

SEAN HAYFORD O'LEARY VIA FLICKR

George Mason Memorial

This overlooked Founding Father wouldn't sign the U.S. Constitution because it didn't abolish slavery and favored the federal government over the individual. George Washington dumped him as a friend after that. Mason was vindicated when the BIll of Rights, inspired by Mason's own Virginia Declaration of Rights, was ratified in 1791. The statue of him in East Potomac Park looks pleased, relaxed and a little smug. *Nps.gov/gemm.*

Kutz Memorial Bridge

As D.C.'s engineer commissioner, Charles Kutz led the initiative that zoned Washington in 1920, thus preventing the construction of hideous office buildings in picturesque neighborhoods. Contemplate his foresight on his namesake bridge.

MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

Thomas Jefferson Memorial

Every cherry-blossom season, T.J.'s temple becomes the principal photo-bomber of countless flowery family portraits. Semi-related fact: Construction on the memorial began in November 1938, inciting the "Cherry Tree Rebellion." Protesters chained themselves to trees they thought (wrongly) would be killed and refilled holes where trees were to be transplanted. *Nps.gov/thje.*

Indicator Tree

This mysterious cherry tree of unknown breed reliably blooms seven to 10 days before the rest of the Tidal Basin busts out in pink. Look for it growing very close to a holly tree, near the Outlet Bridge.

Floral Library

The name is misleading, as "borrowing" flowers from the National Park Service is a major gardening faux pas. April brings tulips to the 92 flower beds; when the tulips bite it, annuals like daffodils and hyacinths take over being-pretty duties.

Commodore John Paul Jones Statue

Revolutionary War badass Jones — aka "the guy who said 'I have not yet begun to fight!'"— got this statue in 1912. It sports military symbols, a relief of J.P.J. hoisting a U.S. flag, and some dolphins. *We forgot to put poor Jones on the map! Find him at Independence Avenue and 17th Street SW.*

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Cuban Friendship Urn

Remember "remember the Maine!"? The U.S. battleship blew up in Havana, Cuba, in 1898, sparking — at least in part — the Spanish–American War. (It's not known for sure whether Spain was the culprit.) The war resulted in Cuba's freedom from Spain, which led to the 1928 gifting of the urn. Removed during construction in the '40s, the urn somehow got lost. It was found, and reinstalled near the Tidal Basin, in the late '90s. Though Cuba and the U.S. are no longer BFFs, if you don't attempt to conduct trade with the urn, your visit should go fine.

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3.23-24 Cherry Blossom Family Days

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DAILY EVENTS

For a full list of cherry blossom-related events, go to Wapo.st/cherry2013

March 23-28

Japanese Garden Design: Whether you're looking to make a Japanese-style garden or want to learn to appreciate the elemental meanings, horticulturalist Sandy Flowers will teach you the essentials in creating a Japanese-style garden, Sat., March 23, 9:30-10:30 a.m., $20. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria; 703-941-7987, Greenspring.org.

Cherry Blossom Festival Family Days: Hands-on activities, interactive art demonstrations and performances that celebrate spring and explore Japanese arts and design, Sat., March 23, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun., March 24, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., free. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, Nbm.org.

Corcoran Gallery of Art Kite-making Workshop: A kite-building expert will help you craft a kite for the kite festival. Materials provided. Registration required, Sat., March 23, 10 a.m.-noon, $20. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org.

Japanese Culture Day: Children and adults are introduced to Japanese culture through book readings, origami and trying on kimonos, Sat., March 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free. Library of Congress, Jefferson Building, 10 First St. SE; 202-707-4604, Loc.gov.

Kites of Asia: Experience the beauty and artistry of kites from across Asia, Sat., March 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free. National Air and Space Museum, Sixth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nasm.si.edu.

Spring Kusamono: Reflections of Fern Valley: Kusamono is the traditional Japanese art of potted arrangements of wild herbaceous plants in unusual containers. Each composition suggests a season and a habitat, Sat. and Sun., March 23-24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free. U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave. NE; 202-245-2726, Usna.usda.gov.

National Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Ceremony: Traditional and contemporary performances highlight the gift of the trees, Sat., March 23, 5-6:30 p.m., free, sold out. Warner Theatre, 13th and E streets NW; 202-783-4000, Warnertheatredc.com.

Cherry Blossoms Over Okinawa: A National Park Ranger-led talk, Sat., March 23, 4 p.m., free. National World War II Memorial, 17th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-426-6841, Nps.gov/nwwm.

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First Lady of Potomac Park: Nellie Taft: A National Park Service ranger discusses how the dream of President Taft's wife became Washington's most famous symbol of beauty, Mon., March 25, 3 p.m., free. Tidal Basin, circled by Independence Avenue, 15th Street SW and Ohio Drive; 202-426-6841.

Cherry Blossoms at Sunrise Photo Tour: Washington Photo Safari leads a tour of the trees, Mon., Tue. and Thu., March 25-26 and 28, 6:15-8:30 a.m., $74. Tidal Basin Boathouse, 1501 Maine Ave. SW; 202-479-2426, Washingtonphotosafari.com.

Japanese-Style Garden Days: Garden supervisor Judy Fetzer leads tours of Hillwood's Japanese-style garden, featuring Japanese flowering cherry trees, camelia, pieris, wisteria and snowball viburnum. Tours are first come, first served; sign up at the Visitor Center, Wed., March 27, 2-2:30 p.m., $15; seniors, $12; students, $10; ages 6-18, $5; younger than 6, free. Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, 4155 Linnean Ave. NW; 202-686-5807, Hillwoodmuseum.org.

Japanese Way of Tea: A presentation of one of Japan's oldest traditions — the way of Japanese tea, including introduction to and the history of tea ceremony, demonstration and serving of tea. Reservations required, Wed., March 27, 12:30-2 p.m., free. Japan Information and Culture Center, 1150 18th St. NW; 202-238-6900.

History of the Gift of Trees: Ambassador John R. Malott, president of Japan America Society of Washington, D.C., discusses the 1912 gift of the cherry trees. A webcast of the 2012 exhibition "Sakura: Cherry Blossom as Living Symbols of Friendship" will be on view prior to the lecture, starting at 11:30 a.m.; Thu., March 28, noon-1 p.m., free. Library of Congress, Jefferson Building, 10 First St. SE; 202-707-4604, Loc.gov.

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Bloomin' Apps

Official festival app: Browse events, score discounts, etc. Android and iPhone. National cherryblossomfestival.org.

Official National Mall app: The National Park Service lists Mall highlights. Android and iPhone. Nps.gov/nama.

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Cherry Blast: Art and Music Dance Party: A multi-sensory party with DJs and visual and performance artists. For ages 21 and older, ID required, Fri., March 29, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., $10. 500 Pennsylvania Ave. NE, 500 Pennsylvania Ave. NE; Nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

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Blossom Kite Festival: Kite-flying demonstrations and competitions including Hot Tricks Showdown and Rokkaku Battle. Bring your own kite or make one at an activity station, Sat., March 30, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., free. Washington Monument, 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-426-6841, Nps.gov/wamo.

Beyond the Tidal Basin Tram Tour: Ride an open-air tram through the arboretum's 446 acres of gardens and grounds. Horticulturist David Kidwell-Slak leads the tour and will discuss the most remarkable specimens, trees of historical significance and the results of the arboretum's cherry research program, Sat., March 30, 1-3 p.m., $22, registration required. U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave. NE; 202-245-2726, Usna.usda.gov.

Blossom Secrets Stroll: Guided walking tour by Washington Walks features the stories and secrets behind the cherry blossoms, Sat., March 30, 2 p.m., $15. Smithsonian Metro Station, 1200 Independence Ave. SW; 202-637-7000, Washingtonwalks.com.

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3.30 Blossom Kite Festival

Bring a kite (or make one on-site) to the Washington Monument. Hard-core kite enthusiasts will congregate on the Competition Field; lightweights might want to stick to the Family Field.

Create Your Own Silk Scarf: Artist Emi Kikuchi leads a silk painting workshop. For two generations, the Kikuchi family has used the ezome technique to create works including silk clothing. Create your own silk scarf by learning to paint cherry blossom designs. Fee includes scarf and other materials, Sat., March 30, 2-4 p.m., $55. Textile Museum, 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

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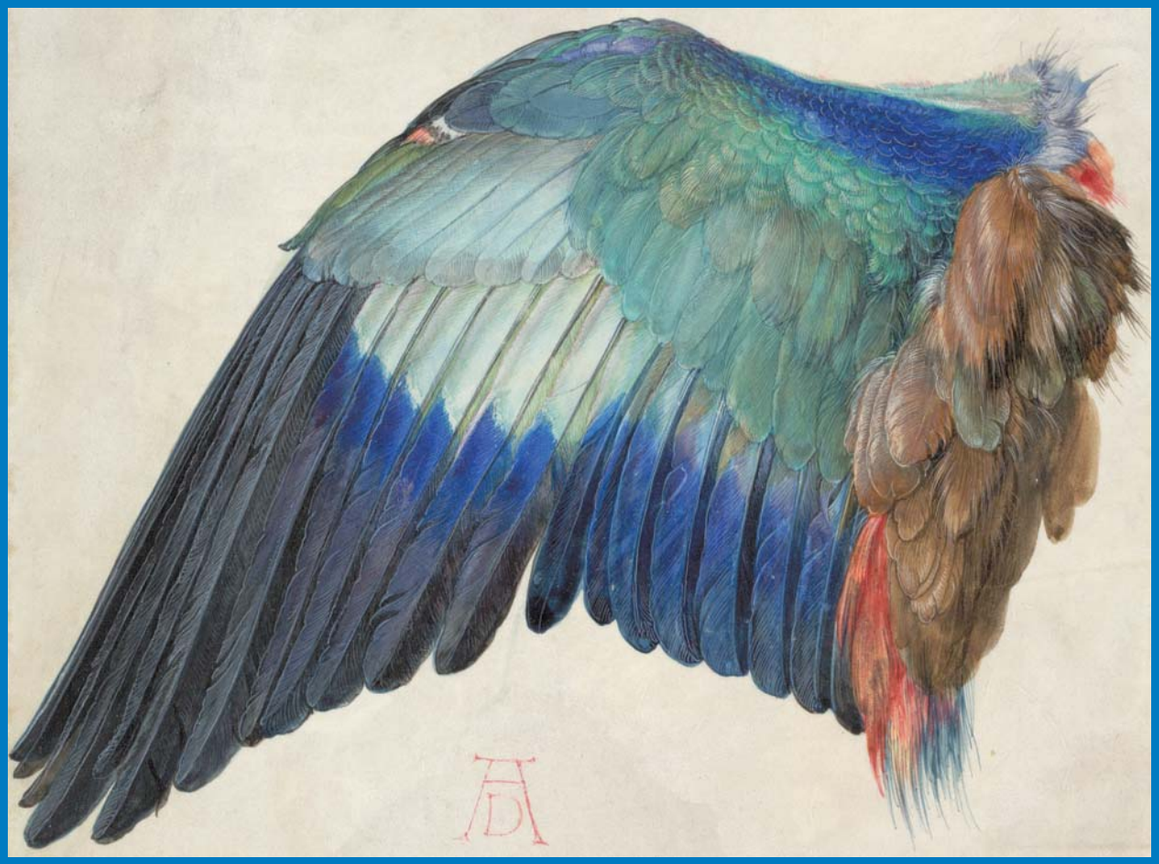

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Sanguivorous: Chicago-based saxophonist Edward Wilkerson Jr. and percussionist Tatsuya Nakatani perform accompaniment to this Japanese vampire thriller starring butoh dancer Ko Murobushi, Wed., April 3, 7 p.m., free. Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

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Taste of Japan: Sample Japanese cuisine from restaurants including Izakaya Seki, Kushi, Sushi Taro and Tako Grill and 20 sake and craft beer brewers from Japan. Proceeds support the National Cherry Blossom Festival. Pay an extra $50 to enter one hour early, Thu., April 4, 7-9 p.m., $100-$150. Historical Society of Washington, 801 K St. NW; 202-383-1420, Historydc.org.

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4.13 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade

This is the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade of Washington: floats, balloons and, though Santa's not in season, former "American Idol" finalist Elliott Yamin and Grammy winner Mya will be doing their part to bring cheer and joy to girls and boys.

April 5-11

Cherry Blossom 10-Mile Run Health and Fitness Expo: Free clinics and a variety of speakers as well a merchandise store, Fri., April 5, 1-7 p.m..; Sat., April 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, Nbm.org.

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Iona Rozeal Brown: Battle of Yestermore: District native Brown, a New York-based painter, brings her canvases to life for this performance work at the Corcoran, drawing on the traditions of Kabuki and Noh theater, hip-hop culture and the dance form known as vogueing. Brown performs the techno score with live musicians in this reprise of a work first commissioned for New York's 2011 Performa festival, while performers including Monstah Black and Benny Ninja enact the movements, Fri., April 5, 7 p.m., free. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org.

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First Lady of Potomac Park:

Helen "Nellie" Taft was instrumental in bringing Japanese cherry trees to D.C. and planted the first on the Tidal Basin in March 1912. Learn about her in this National Park Service ranger-led talk.

Cherry Blossom Rugby Tournament: Featuring some of the best college and high school teams in the country, Sat., April 6, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun., April 7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., free. Rosecroft Raceway, 6336 Rosecroft Drive, Fort Washington, Md.; 301-567-4000.

Cherry Blossom Soccer Tournament: Forty-eight co-ed adult teams compete in two divisions — casual and competitive. Organized by District Sports, Sat., April 6, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., April 7, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., free. West Potomac Park, West of 17th Street and south of Constitution Avenue NW; 202-426-6841.

Ikebana Flower-Arranging Workshop: Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement, is a disciplined practice inspired by nature. Learn the rich symbolism and fundamentals of this art and take home an arrangement. Floral material and containers provided, Sat.,

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April 6, 9:30-11 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria; 703-941-7987, Greenspring.org.

Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk: Commemorates and celebrates the Japanese American experience during World War II. Donations accepted, Sat., April 6, 10 a.m., free. National Japanese American Memorial, D Street and New Jersey Avenue NW; 202-530-0015.

Umami Tasting Party: Explore umami, its history, health benefits and the taste research science behind it, as well as sample umami-rich foods, Sat., April 6, 10 a.m.-noon, $27. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria; 703-941-7987, Greenspring.org.

Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration: Make your own origami, create cherry blossom art, listen to cherry blossom stories and watch lion dance performances by the Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu and Tai Chi and performances of Art of the Kimono by Shizumi, Sat., April 6, noon-4 p.m., $9.95; seniors and military, $8.95; ages 3-11, $4.95; younger than 3, free. National Aquarium, Washington, Department of Commerce Building, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-482-2825, Aqua.org.

Zumba Class: An instructor from ABC Wellness and Fitness Center leads the class, Sat., April 6, noon-1:30 p.m., free. Thomas Jefferson Memorial, 900 Ohio Drive SW; 202-426-6841.

Operation Ninja: Discover the Secret Art of Ninjitsu: In this KidSpy program for ages 10 to 14, Viran Ranasinghe and his troop of martial artists demonstrate the art of Ninjitsu, Sat., April 6, 1-3 p.m., $25. International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW; 202-393-7798, Spymuseum.org.

Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival: Live music and family-friendly water-related activities. Fireworks begin at 8:30 p.m., Sat., April 6, 1-9 p.m., free. Southwest Waterfront, Water Street SW; 202-673-7664.

Arts for Families: Create koinobori or carp streamers. In Japanese folklore, the carp is a symbol of determination and vigor, overcoming all obstacles to swim upstream, Sat., April 6, 2-4 p.m., free. Textile Museum, 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

Japanese Bookbinding: Create your own Japanese book based on folios featuring cherry blossoms and scenes and activities related to springtime, Sat. and Sun., April 6-7, 2 p.m., free. Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Cherry Blossom Fireworks Dinner Cruise: Classic dinner cruise on the Spirit of Washington or Odyssey with a breathtaking view of the fireworks display, Sat., April 6, 5:30 p.m., $99.90 Spirit of Washington; $124.90 Odyssey. The Gangplank Marina, 600 Water St. SW; 202-554-5000.

DC Cruises Cherry Blossom Fireworks Cruise: A two-hour boat ride includes views of monuments at night and the fireworks display. No children younger than 6, Sat., April 6, 7 p.m., $68; ages 6 to 12, $34. Washington Harbour, 3050 K St. NW.

Cherry Blossoms Over Okinawa: A National Park Ranger-led talk, Sat., April 6, 4 p.m., free. National World War II Memorial, 17th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-426-6841, Nps.gov/nwwm.

Cherry Chit-Chat Runs: Learn about the blossoms during a 3.5-mile jog, Sat., April 6, 8 a.m., free. Washington Monument, 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-426-6841, Nps.gov/wamo.

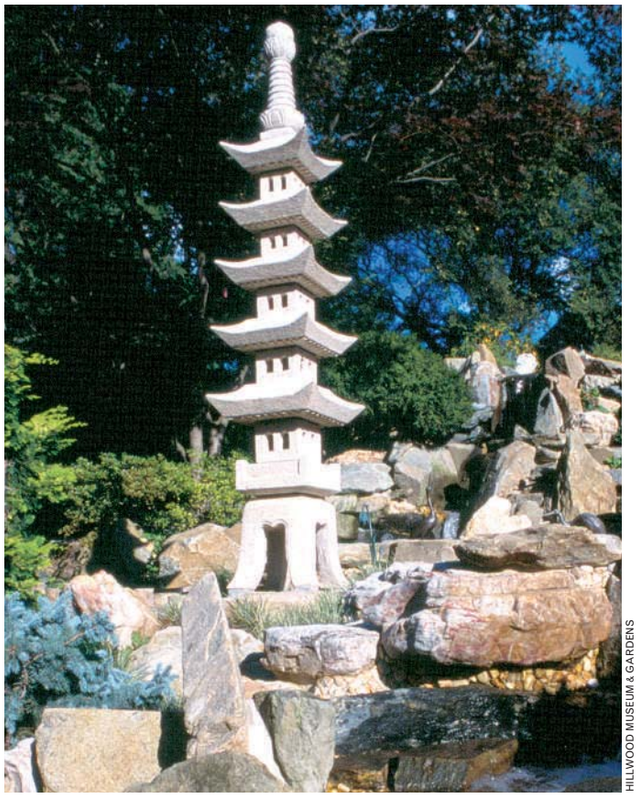
Cherry Blossoms at Sunrise Photo Tour: Washington Photo Safari leads a tour of the trees, Sat.-Sun., April 6-7, 6:15-8:30 a.m., $74. Tidal Basin Boathouse, 1501 Maine Ave. SW; 202-479-2426, Washingtonphotosafari.com.

Cherry Blossom 10-Mile Run: The Runner's Rite of Spring also includes a 5K run-walk and a half-mile kids' run. The 10-mile run and 5K is full but spectators are encouraged to come out, Sun., April 7, 7:30 a.m. Washington Monument, 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-426-6841, Nps.gov/wamo.

Contemporary Shibori Techniques: Artist and educator Candace Edgerley takes a look at how contemporary shibori artists have adapted this ancient Japanese shape-resistant dye technique by developing their own tools and methods, Sun., April 7, 2 p.m., $15. Textile Museum, 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

Official Japanese Stone Lantern Lighting Ceremony: The historic lantern is lit in a ceremony featuring traditional Japanese performers, Sun., April 7, 2:30-4 p.m., free. Tidal Basin, circled by Independence Avenue, 15th Street SW and Ohio Drive; 202-426-6841.

Urban Tango Trio: Violinist Machiko Ozawa, pianist Octavio Brunetti and bassist Pedro Giraudo perform as part of the S&R Foundation's Overtures Concert Series, Sun., April 7, 6 p.m., free. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org.



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Japanese-Style Garden Days: Tour the aforementioned garden at Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens on Wednesdays through April 10. Yes, there are cherry trees ... and other plants you aren't sick of hearing about.

Capital Elite Cherry Blossom Festival Sightseeing Cruises: Take a 45-minute boat tour around Hains Point and see up-close views of the cherry blossoms, Fri.-Sun.,April 5-7, 1:45 and 3:45 p.m., $23.21; ages 3 to 12, $18.75. The Gangplank Marina, 600 Water St. SW; 202-554-5000.

Blossoms by Bike: Bike and Roll leads a two-hour, 7-mile tour of the cherry trees around the Potomac Tidal Basin and East Potomac Park, Fri.-Sun., April 5-7, 2 p.m., $35; 12 and younger, $25. Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-289-1908, Bikeandroll.com.

Blossoms by Bike River Ride: Bike and Roll leads a three-hour, 15-mile ride along the Mount Vernon Trail from Old Town Alexandria to the District. Must be at least 13, Fri.-Sun., April 5-7, 1 p.m., $42. Bike and Roll Shop, One Wales Alley, Alexandria; 703-838-4399.

Cherry Blossom Bike Tours: Bring your bike, a helmet and water for a ride past the blossoms, Sat. and Sun., April 6-7, 11 a.m., free. Thomas Jefferson Memorial, 900 Ohio Drive SW; 202-426-6841.

Japanese-Style Garden Days: Tours of Hillwood's Japanese-style garden. Tours are first come, first served, Wed., April 10, 2-2:30 p.m., $15; seniors, $12; students, $10; ages 6-18, $5; younger than 6, free. Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, 4155 Linnean Ave. NW; 202-686-5807, Hillwoodmuseum.org.

Cherry Blossom Princess Luncheon: Featuring the U.S. and Japan Cherry Blossom queens along with the princesses, the Dogwood queens and princesses and international guests from Japan. The keynote speaker is Allyn Rose, 2012 Miss District of Columbia, Thu., April 11, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., $60; ages 2 to 12, $25; younger, free. Marriott Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth St. NW; 202-898-9000.

Taste of the States: Featuring the U.S. and Japan Cherry Blossom queens and princesses as well as food and drink from every region of the country, Thu., April 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., $25. Fort Myer Officers' Club, 214 Jackson Ave., Arlington; Statesocieties.org.

Afternoon Cherry Blossoms at the Tidal Basin Photo Tour: Washington Photo Safari leads tours of the trees with an orientation on travel photography and camera use, Fri.-Sun., April 5-7, 3-5:30 p.m., $69. FDR Memorial Bookstore, West Potomac Park; 202-376-6700, Washingtonphotosafari.com.

Lantern Walks: National Park Service rangers lead a two-hour, 2-mile tour around the Tidal Basin. Bring a flashlight, Fri.-Sun., April 5-7, 8 p.m., free. Tidal Basin, circled by Independence Avenue, 15th Street SW and Ohio Drive; 202-426-6841.

Pets in the Park: Cherry Blossom Dog Walk: Bring your pets for a walk past the cherry blossoms. Bring a leash, bags and water, Sun., April 7, 3 p.m., free. Thomas Jefferson Memorial, 900 Ohio Drive SW; 202-426-6841.

April 12-18

Tamagawa University Taiko Drumming and Dance Troupe: Fri., April 12, noon, free. Freer Gallery of Art, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Japan Bowl: Japanese language and culture competition for American high school students. Reservations required. The championship round is free and open to the public, but reservations are preferred, Fri., April 12, 2-5 p.m., free. National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase.

Cherry Blossom Queen Coronation and Grand Ball: Sushi reception, silent auction, performances by Big Band Caliente, dancing to a top-40 DJ, Fri., April 12, 6 p.m., $175; 12 and younger, $75. Marriott Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth St. NW; 202-898-9000.

Blossom Secrets Stroll: Guided cherry blossom walking tour by Washington Walks, Sat., April 13, 2 p.m., $15. Smithsonian Metro Station, 1200 Independence Ave. SW; 202-637-7000, Washingtonwalks.com.

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Buyers Return to Leasing

With homes in demand, some owners are going back to the rental market

Trends

Six years after buying his condo in Cleveland Park, Brian Long has found himself back in once-familiar territory: scouring Craigslist.org's apartment listings.

"I'm planning to sell my place and then rent," the political consultant says.

Is this the real-estate equivalent of a mid-life crisis — trading in the old ball and chain for something with less commitment? While the move may seem unusual, it's becoming more common for buyers to go back to renting, at least temporarily.

Inventory of condos and homes is low, down 40 percent from two years ago. In this market, an owner could sell in a few days, but it could take them months to find a new place, says Tyler Jeffrey, a Realtor at Beasley Real Estate (Beasleyre.com).

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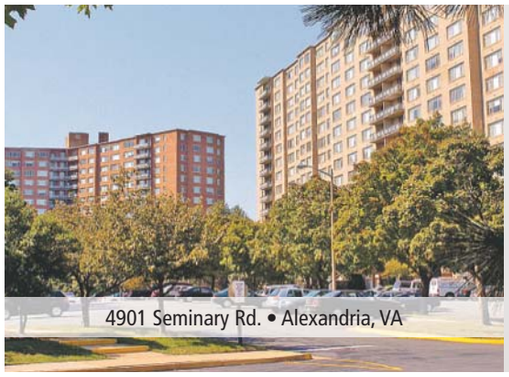
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Renting, Briefly

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"If I'm a buyer, I'm kind of starting off behind the eight ball," he says.

With demand for housing in the D.C. area so high, many owners are selling their homes quickly for a higher price and hope to pay less later when there is more new housing to meet demand.

In between, they rent for a few months — or even a year — while they search for their next home and wait for prices to come down, Jeffrey says.

"If you are a seller and you're OK with renting, this is a really good time to sell your property," he says.

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Could you run a business from your apartment? Many local renters do. Learn how they do it in next week's issue of Ready to Rent.

Eventually, Long wants to buy a place in bustling Logan Circle, but renting in that neighborhood first will give him a better sense of the area — and time to close on his current condo.

"Rather than owning two places, it made sense for me to sell this place, then take time to find the right place," he says.

Buyers' Remorse

After buying a three-bedroom townhouse in Silver Spring in 2005, Will Ansah, 34, decided to ditch his digs to move into the city.

Not ready to buy again, he rented in D.C. for two years. Now he's back in downtown Silver Spring — so he can be closer to the Beltway — leasing a one-bedroom with den.

"I wasn't sure where I'd end up," says the risk-management consultant. "So it made sense to rent the last two-and-a-half to three years."

Ansah has since had difficulty selling his townhouse, which he now realizes was probably a bad buy. Until he does, he's hesitant to buy again.

Plus, there are a few perks to being a renter again, he notes.

"I like the concierge service," he says. "There's very little maintenance with renting."

Long said he plans to buy again but agrees that renting has its upside.

"It's really nice when your dishwasher breaks, and you can call someone to fix it," he says.

From Owner to Tenant

If a seller needs time to find a new place but doesn't want to rent, one option is a "pre-settlement occupancy agreement." It's better known as a "rent back" clause. This option allows the seller to basically pay rent to the new owners to stay in the house until a specific date. It's becoming more common, says Gerard DiRuggiero, a broker at UrbanLand Company (Urbanlandcompany.com).

"It was written into the closing papers. You negotiate it with the new buyers," says advertising account executive Kathy Siciliano, 58, who sold her studio in Northwest D.C. recently and rented it back for a month before moving.

Generally, an owner will rent back for up to two months, but longer terms are possible, says Andres Delgado, a real-estate agent with Keller Williams (Kw.com).

While new homes are being built again, DiRuggiero says, "it's going to be hard for buyers for the next couple of years."

In this market, it's a great time for sellers to take advantage of easy sales and put off becoming buyers again for as long as possible.

ERIN BYLANDER (FOR EXPRESS)

"Rather than owning two places, it made sense for me to sell this place, then take time to find the right place."

— **BRIAN LONG,** WHO IS SELLING HIS TWO-BEDROOM CONDO IN CLEVELAND PARK AND PLANS TO RENT FOR A FEW MONTHS WHILE HE FINDS A NEW PLACE TO BUY

Some Leases Keep It Short

Short-term rentals offer options if you're not ready to commit to a new home or neighborhood yet. After political consultant Brian Long sells his condo in Cleveland Park, he hopes to find a short-term or month-to-month furnished rental in Logan Circle and put his stuff in storage until he finds the perfect new condo.

"I don't want to sign a year-long lease," Long says.

There are a growing number of shorter-term rental options in new apartment buildings, but these come at a premium, says Gerard DiRuggiero, broker and managing member at UrbanLand Company. At The Lexington at Market Square (400 Eighth St., NW; 202-347-6161, Tinyurl.com/buk6nhs) in Penn Quarter, for example, a three- to five-month lease is an extra $250 a month, while a six- to 11-month lease is an additional $150 a month.

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The Lexington at Market Square in Penn Quarter offers short-term leases.

Furnished short-term rentals through companies such as Attache Property Management (Attacheproperty.com) and The Lansburgh (Thelansburgh.com) are generally intended for people in town temporarily for work, or as part of a work relocation package. A short-term studio apartment from Attache can cost upward of $2,500 per month.

Rather than swallowing the higher cost of short-term rentals, Tyler Jeffrey, a Realtor at Beasley Real Estate, recommends sellers sign a year-long lease and factor the cost of potentially breaking that lease into negotiations with the new buyers. After all, it could take a few months to find your next home, or longer than a year.

"You never know in this market how long it's going to take," Jeffrey says. **ERIN BYLANDER (FOR EXPRESS)**

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Urbanization: Pike & Rose is designed to feel like city living. Developers are already advertising a high-end movie theater that will serve booze and food, and they're planning plenty of shops and restaurants.
More to come: Another rental building, Pallas, is planned for 2015 with 319 units. It will come with a rooftop garden — one of the area's first, developers say — and a pool.
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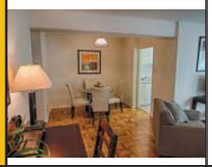
DC		**The Kenmore** 5415 Connecticut Avenue Washington D.C. 20015	Up to one month FREE rent on select units with 13-15 month lease! • Parking available • A short walk to Van Ness Metro Station • Walk Score: 82 Very Walkable • Utilities Included • Prices subject to change based upon daily availability, Renovated units available	Studio, 1BR & 2BRs Starting at $1429 **855-431-0823** kenmoreapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
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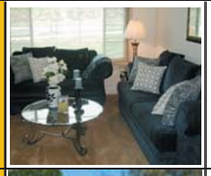
DC		**River Hill Apartments** 2942 2nd St., SE Washington, DC 20032	River Hill Apartments was created for those who know what they want out of life! Our elegant homes of distinction provide carefree living with personalized service. You'll be surrounded by natural beauty and vitality. With our central location, you are just minutes from fine dining, shopping and recreation. With features such as a swimming pool and a playground, you'll be living the good life.	1, 2 BRs Starting at $779 **866-378-3385**		X	X		X		X					
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DC		**Anacostia Gardens** 3600 Ely Place SE Washington DC 20019	Spacious 1,2BRs 24 hr onsite laundry facilities Resident controlled access 1 Block from Metro & shopping Across the street from park & recreation Free heat and gas Free accent wall	1,2BR's Available **202-640-4774**		X	X		X	X	X			X		
DC		**Eagles Crossing** 1116 Irvington St., SW Washington, DC 20032	Comfort, convenience and quality... Eagle's Crossing has it all. Our garden-style spacious apartments offer beautifully landscaped grounds with easy access to public transportation, minutes away from downtown, 295, and the Metro. $99 MOVE IN SPECIAL! (call for details)	Studio, 1, 2 BRs From the $700s **866-233-0132** eandggroup.com	X	X	X		X		X			X		
MD		**The Coronado** 5200- 5201 Quincy Street Baldensburg, MD 20710	50% OFF SECURITY DEPOSIT WITH APPROVED CREDIT Beautiful 1BRS & 2BRS spacious apartments, fully carpeted, large eat in kitchens and large baths. Call Audrey Butler dcoffice@emmetinc.com Frank Emmet Real Estate 202-544-9550	1BRs Starting at $850 **202-544-9550**		X			X	X				X		
MD		**Gateway Gardens** 4203 58th Avenue Bladensburg, MD 20710	Located in suburban Maryland. Gateway Gardens offers comfort and convenience minutes away from shopping, restaurants, entertainment, Metro bus and Metro rail. A modern apartment that is cable-ready, not to mention a balcony or patio.	1,2,3BR's Starting at $980 **888-448-9013** gatewaygardens.net		X	X	X		X	X				X	
MD		**Penn Southern** 4113 Southern Avenue Capitol Hts, MD 20743	All credit considered. FIOS ready. Upgraded eat-in kitchens. Paint options available in select apartments. Individually controlled air conditioning & heat. Close to Metro. ■ Minutes from Washington DC & Capitol Hill ■ Pool, sundeck, playground ■ Business Center	Studio, 1,2,3BR Starting at $830 **866-810-0275** pennsouthern.com	X	X	X		X			X				
MD		**Woodland Springs** 6617 Atwood Street District Heights, MD 2074786	Woodland Springs is the perfect community for you and your family to live the life you want. If you are looking for a high quality, family and senior friendly community then Woodland Springs is the place for you!	1-4BR's Starting at $830 **301-760-4270** woodlandsprings@shelter-grp.com		X	X	X	X	X	X					

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MD		**Parkland Village** 6004 Parkland Court District Hts, MD 20747	2BR Special move in within 10 days of application approval receive $500 off first months rent!!Parkland Village is dedicated to providing a comfortable and affordable home. We are convenient to the Capital Beltway, schools, shopping and just minutes from the heart of the nation's capital.	1 & 2 bedrooms Starting at $1102.00 **1-866-310-7466** www.herculesliving.com			X				X					
MD		**Penn Landing Apartment Homes** 6311 Pennsylvania Ave. Forestville, MD 20747	Welcome to Penn Landing Apartments, where exceptional customer service and comfort meet. Come see for yourself! Large apartments, affordable rents, and an unbeatable location all add up to complete convenience and relaxation. We look forward to welcoming you home.	1, 2, 3 BRs, 2BR Duplexes 301-850-0189 Starting at $ 799 pennlandingapts.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		**Rosecroft Mews** 2428 Corning Ave Fort Washington, MD 20744	Rosecroft Mews is a hidden gem in fort Washington Md. Tucked away in a quite neighborhood lies a newly renovated community, you'll be greeted by our friendly & knowledgeable team. Rosecroft is within minutes of shopping & dining. come see our newly renovated homes & wonderful features.	1,2,3BR's Starting at $899 Second Chance Approval!! 301-630-1300		X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X
MD		**River Pointe Apartment Homes** 8340 Indian Head Hwy Ft. Washington, MD 20744	Great Location! Minutes from National Harbour off Route 210 East! Generously sized floor plans with modern kitchens and a balcony or patio. All Utilities Included!	2,3 and 4BR's Starting at $1045 **888-928-3167** RiverPointemd.com		X	X	X	X		X	X			X	
MD		**Charlestowne North** 8150 Lakecrest Drive Greenbelt, MD 20770	*** NO APP. FEE *** Fully renovated with stylish kitchens, new balconies -All utilities included in your monthly rent -A location near NASA Goddard Flight Center, the USDA, Metro and major roadways.	1 BRs from $1200s **877-883-1105** CharlestowneNorth.com	X	X	X				X	X		X	X	
MD		**Carriage Hill Apartments** 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Hts, MD 20746	Mid-Rise and Garden Style Apartments ▪ All credit considered. ▪ All utilities included ▪ Immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's Starting at $985-$1465 **888-341-7613** carriageapts.net		X	X	X								
MD		**Marlborough House** 3001 Branch Ave. Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748	NOW OPEN 7 DAYS! Welcome home to Marlborough House where we offer superior service and a long list of amenities, including all utilities, a fitness center, a swimming pool, and a tele-entry system. Experience the Southern Difference. (Cats allowed with pet rent.)	Studio, 1BR, 2BR Starting at $945 **888-347-6956**	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	
MD		**Cypress Creek** 8603 Cypress Creek Dr. Hyattsville, MD 20782	Cypress Creek is the perfect urban retreat! Convenient to University of MD, Howard University & 4 Metro lines to the City. Spacious floor plans, fully equipped contemporary kitchen. Olympic size pool w/sundeck,fitness center. Beautiful wooded setting adjacent to Michigan Park .Up to 1.5 Months FREE	1 BRs fr. $799 2 BRs fr. $1300's **(877) 675-0044** CypressCreekApts.com		X	X	X		X			X	X		X
MD		**Overlook Apartments** 1507 Ray Rd. Hyattsville, MD 20782	ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED! Overlook Apartments offer stylish apartment living w/Metro, DC and 495 right at your fingertips. Variety of spacious floorplans. Sparkling pool. Pets welcome. Income restrictions apply. See Sales Agent for Details. Ask About our $350 Move-in Special	1 BRs from $1099 2 BRs from $1250 **888-414-5572** TheOverlookApts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				
MD		**Cameron Pointe** 1113 Nalley Road Landover, MD 20785	Freedom of NO COMMITTMENT!!! Month to Month Leases ONLY. * 3 Bedrooms and den available Immediately! * Gated Community & Secured Entrances * Free passes to PG Co. Learning Center Indoor Pool * Newly Renovated, W/D in most units * Close to Wegmans & Metro * 5% Disct. for teachers, military, police.	1, 3 Brs Starting at $1,000 **301-322-4422** Cameronpointeapartments.com		X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X

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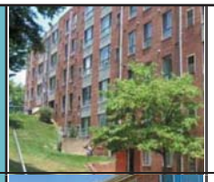
MD		**Cheverly Crossing Apartments** 3839 64th Avenue Landover Hills MD 20785	* Newly Renovated in 2013! * Trendy Midrise Living! * Move in Specials! $500-$600 off 1st month * Great Location! Hwy 450 Close to 295 & 495 * Spacious Floorplans, Central Heat and AC	1 Bedrooms Starting at $850 **202-421-9618** www.novodev.com		X	X		X		X			X		
MD		Kent Village 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro bus stop on the community. Newly renovated 1and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2BR's, 2BR TH's Starting at $932 866-799-4621 kentvillage.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				X
MD		**Crestleigh Apartments** 9556 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Our spacious, stylish apartment homes come appointed with many closets, washers and dryers and a variety of floor plans. We offer exceptional customer service! Our sparkling pool and clubhouse are just a few of the amenities that make Crestleigh an ideal community. Minutes from the BW Parkway and downtown Laurel. Up to 1.5 Months Rent Free!	1 BR fr. $1200's 2 BR fr. $1480's **(877) 804-6217** CrestleighApts.com	X	X	X				X	X			X	X
MD		**The Avondale** 8301 Ashford Blvd. Laurel, MD 20707	The Avondale at Laurel Lakes is a haven with numerous amenities, perfectly located near major freeways, downtown Laurel, shopping ,medical facilities & recreation. Pool, clubroom, beautifully landscaped grounds. Call us today for further informatin about our affordably priced apartment homes!	1 &2 BRs from $1099 **888-701-7515** avondaleapartments.net		X	X		X		X	X	X			
MD		**Montpelier Crossing** 9689 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Just minutes from downtown Laurel. Spacious garden-style apartments and town homes. -generously sized living rooms -separate dining rooms -bedrooms with large closets and bathrooms -kitchens come with white cabinets and white appliances, frost-free refrigerators, and gas cooking.	1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at $890 **240-547-2113** montpeliercrossing.com		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
MD		**Queenstown Apartments** 3301 Chillum Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	Welcome to a small taste of good living 1 block from West Hyattsville Metro! Newly renovated apartment homes (limited supply). Come find peace of mind at Queenstown Apartments! Offering 1 & 2 BR apartments, FREE After School Program, on-site security, fitness/business center,5% gov't and senior citizen discount. Ask about our student discount! Hablamos Espanol.	1, 2 BRs **888-759-9112** queenstownapts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
MD		**Southview** 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Open the door to the good life at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the good life is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!	Studio,1, 2, 3BR's Starting at $803 **888-414-6645** southviewapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Oxon Hill Village** 2260 Alice Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Nestled between the District of Columbia and historic Virginia, Oxon Hill Village offers a variety of floorplans, free services and amenities including a fitness center. indoor gymnasium, business center and all utilities included.	1BR- 3BR's Starting at $1050 **888-512-6025**		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
MD		**Paddington Square** 8800 Lanier Drive Silver Spring, MD 20910	A hidden gem...Fall in love with your new home!! Location & privacy in a lush setting. Renovated apt. homes nestled between Connecticut Ave & Georgia Ave. Enjoy the amenities and manicured grounds tucked away in a true neighborhood! Home never felt so good.	2 Brs Starting at $1452 **240-752-6947** paddingtonsquare.com			X		X	X	X	X		X		
MD		**Hillbrook Towers** 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	PAY $599 YOUR FIRST MONTH WITH A 12 MONTH LEASE! Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. Housing Vouchers Welcome	1 BRS fr. $1100 2 BRs FR. $1225 **888-833-9784**		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	

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MD		**Montgomery Trace Apts.** 14120 Grand Pre Road Silver Spring, MD 20906	Reduced Security Deposit...$350!!! Live in Style & Convenience... Our property features large layouts, washer/dryer in unit, 2 tone paint, new carpet and many upgrades throughout. Located near Glenmont Metro and a short drive to DC, Bethesda, and Silver Spring. Home is waiting for you and also your pet. Military Disct.	1 BRs Starting at $1057 **301-460-4510** montgomerytraceapartments.com		X	X			X	X	X				X
MD		**Spring Parc Apartments** 11 Featherwood Court Silver Spring, MD 20904	With a central location, exceptionally comfortable apartment homes and the kinds of amenities you want, this is the best way to rent in Silver Spring, MD. Spring Parc's well-spaced homes include excellent features like washers and dryers. Ask about Our I-pad Drawing!	1-BRS from $1100s 2-BRS from $1300s **888-802-6770** SpringParcApts.com		X	X			X	X	X				X
MD		**Colesville Towers** 8811 Colesville Rd. Silver Spring, MD. 20910	Newly renovated apartment homes with w-to-w carpeting or hardwood floors; huge walk-in closets; eat-in kitchens. Fitness center, swimming pool. Metrobus and Ride On Bus at the door and Silver Spring Metro just blocks away. THE BEST of the metropolitan lifestyle is found at Colesville Towers! Up to 1.5 Months Free!	1 BRs fr. $1439 2 BRs fr. $1855 **888-311-0237** colesvilletowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	
MD		**Cole Spring Plaza** 1001 Spring Street Silver Spring, MD 20910	Find the life you want at Cole Spring Plaza. Newly renovated apartments with separate formal dining rms, Generous closets and storage. Balconies or patios, lots of windows. Convenient to City Plaza Mall, and just blocks from the Silver Spring Metro. Sparkling pool; his & hers saunas and so much more! Up to 1.5 Months Free!!	Studio fr, $1239 1BR fr. $1530; 2BR fr$2000s **888-311-0237** colesvilletowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X				X	
MD		**Metro 710** 710 Roeder Road Silver Spring, MD 20910	$500 OFF 1ST MONTH'S RENT** All Utilities Included! Stunning, newly renovated luxury apartments in the heart of downtown Silver Spring. Just blocks to Metro and all the shopping and dining of this vibrant locale. Granite Counter tops, stainless steel appliances, and Washer/Dryers in each apartment! No app fee. *Selec apts.	Studios fr. $1280's 1BRs fr. $1620s 2 BRs fr . $1975 **(888) 436-1755** Metro710Apts.com	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X
MD		**Marlow Heights Apartments** 4223 28th Avenue Temple Hills, MD 20748	At Marlow Heights, we feature garden style apartments. Our homes feature wall to wall carpeting, oak wood cabinets and dishwashers. We are located just minutes from the Beltway, Suitland Parkway and 3 Metro lines. Stop by today for a tour of your new apartment home!	1,2,3BR's Starting at $899 Second Chance Approval!! **1-888-822-0583**		X	X	X	X							
MD		**Forest Village Apartments** 4400 Rena Rd Suitland, MD 20747	Nestled in a quiet wooded setting, Forest Village has the ideal apartment home for you. Located just off the Capital Beltway and minutes from Andrews Air Force Base. Here you will find the Metrobus stop at your door and a washer and dryer in every apartment.	1,2, & 2BR + Den Starting at $799 Second Chance Approval **1-888-443-6408** FVA@finesagroup.com		X	X			X	X					X
MD		**Station Square** 3400 Pearl Drive Suitland, MD 20746	$500 off March Rent on 2BR's ONLY 2 Bedrooms now $1185.00. All Utilities Included. Move-in immediately to pay only your security deposit. Plus, get entered into a drawing for a chance to win a 55' Flat Screen and get your football party on us! Experience the finest in apartment style living. Our dedication to excellence is unrivaled, and it shows here at Station Square.	1,2,3 BRS Starting at $1030 **301-825-9162** morgan-properties.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		**Shadyside Gardens** 2641 Shadyside Ave. Suitland, MD 20746	The Best Value in Suitland. Our renovated apartment homes offer you amenities such as a washer/dryer in every apartment home, oversized closets, playground & a prime location. We are only 2 blocks from Suitland Metro and bus service is right at your door!	1BR Special $799!!! 1,2,3 Bedrooms Second Chance Approval **301-735-5000** **sga@finesagroup.com**		X	X	X		X	X	X				X
MD		**Silver Hill Apartments** 4227 Silver Hill Road Suitland, MD 20746	MOVE-IN SPECIAL Sign a 12 month lease and your 1st month's Rent is only $599 Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. ● Housing Vouchers Welcome ● Holding fee required with application	1 BRs fr. $825 2 BRs fr. $925 (carpet extra) **888-513-2042**		X	X		X	X	X			X	

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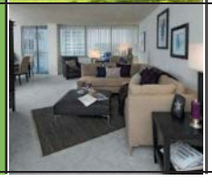
MD		**Belford Towers** 6733 New Hampshire Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912	RENT SPECIALS on 3 Bedrooms!! Belford Towers has the amenities you want, the price you can afford, and the convenience of a prime location! Security on-site * Large walk-in closets * Balconies * Playground * Spacious floor plans * Laundry facility * AC & Heat included in rent!	1,2,3 BR's Starting at $1020 **888-420-4302** Beaconmanagement.com		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Marlow Plaza Apartments** 2900 Saint Claire Drive Temple Hills, MD 20748	At Marlow Plaza & Tower, we feature both high-rise and garden style apartments. Our homes feature wall to wall carpeting, oak wood cabinets and dishwashers. We are located just minutes from the Beltway, Suitland Parkway and 3 Metro lines. Stop by today for a tour of your new apartment home!	1,2,3 BR's Starting at $849 Second Chance Approval!! **1-888-803-3184**		X	X	X	X	X	X					
VA		**Glebe House** 25 West Glebe Road Alexandria, VA 22305	• Furnished & Unfurnished • FREE Cable and HBO • FREE 90-Day membership to YMCA • FREE WIFI in the business center • Prime location minutes to Washington DC, Pentagon, Crystal City, Old Town, Reagan National Airport, Beltway and 395	Studio, 1 BRs Starting at $1004 **240-455-3567** glebehouse.net	X	X			X		X				X	
VA		**Lloyd Apartments** 800 Tennessee Avenue Alexandria, VA 22305	Lloyd Apartments offer expansive floor plans from 650 to 870 square feet with utilities included. Abundant light from windows in every room, including the kitchen and bathroom. Elegant foyers and hallways boast hardwood floors. The bathroom is equipped with a soaking tub and shower with tile flooring. We provide the convenience of on-site laundry facilities, extra storage units, and free parking.	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1200 **240-455-5467** lloydapartments.com		X	X		X		X					
VA		**Fillmore Garden Apartments** 805 S. Walter Reed Drive Arlington, VA 22204	An affordable community nestled among tranquil trees and in the heart of Arlington. * Close to cutting edge restaurants, lively clubs and quick access anywhere in DC * Spacious units with lots of light * Free utilities	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1200 **240-455-5092** fillmoregardenapts.com		X	X		X		X					
VA		**Park Vue of Alexandria** 511 Four Mile Road Alexandria, VA 22305	UP TO 2 MONTHS FREE*Luxury high-rise living—at Park Vue of Alexandria! Newly renovated apartment homes featuring many windows and lovely views, Alexandria's best-kept secret! New state-of-the-art fitness ctr and gated parking, get what you want at Park Vue. Near BRAC at Mark Center, Metro and DC. Call today to find out why Park Vue of Alexandria is the best place to call home! *Call for details	1 BRs fr. $1260s 2BRs fr. $1494 **(877) 279-1655** ParkVueApts.com		X	X		X		X			X		
VA		**Kings Gardens Apartments** 6300 S.Kings Hwy Alexandria, VA 22306	Kings Gardens delightfully combines city convenience with suburban charm. This Alexandria address is within a short distance from schools, shopping, and the Huntington Metro Rail Station. Residents enjoy beautiful landscaping and an on-site pool.	1BR-3BR's + Dens Starting at $ 1165 **866-980-9358** kgleasing@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
VA		**EOS 21** 140 S. Van Dorn Street Alexandria, VA 22304	• Private balcony or patio to enjoy the wooded landscape. • Newly renovated apts w/ washer/dryer. • Free Metro Shuttle, parking • Endless amenities • DOG PARK COMING SOON	Studios fr. $995 1 BRs fr. $1150 **866-986-0101** Apply on line at EOS21Apts.com	X X	X	X X			X	X	X	X			X
VA		**The Parliaments** 7409 Eastmoreland Rd. Annandale, VA 22003	2 BR/DEN, 1 1/2 BA. AVAILABLE NOW • All Utilities included • Central Air & Heat • Huge Walk-in Closets • Pets Welcome • Very Spacious Apartments • FREE APP FEE when you mention this ad	Studios,1, 2, 3BRs Starting at $1210 **866-796-5301** parliaments@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
VA		**The Buchanan** 320 23rd Street South Arlington, VA 22202	The Buchanan is located in the heart of Crystal City just minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria. Imagine living at this perfect location where you have convenient access to the Crystal City Metro as well as steps away from a variety of shops, and award winning restaurants.	Studios, 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms Starting at $1,620 **877-414-2016** www.buchananapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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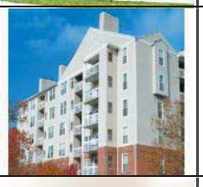
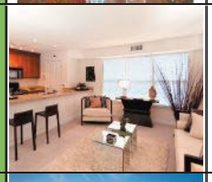
VA		**Crystal Plaza** 2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA 22202	Imagine having direct access to the Crystal City Underground and Metro. Crystal Plaza features: -Generously sized interiors with wall to wall glass living areas and panoramic views -Modern eat-kitchens, separate dining areas and ceramic tile bathrooms. Located in Crystal City minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $1375 **877-446-2270** crystalplazaapartments.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		**Shirlington House** 4201 S. 31st Street Arlington, VA 22206	• Spacious floor plans • Garage parking available • 24 hour Fitness Center • Convenience store on-site • Convenient public transportation to Metro, Pentagon City & Crystal City • Easy access to I-395 ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIALS!	Studio, Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1230 **703-595-4233** shirlingtonhouseapts.com	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		x	
VA		**Dominion Plaza** 1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, VA 22204	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club ● Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall as avail ● Fitness center, pool & sundeck.Business Center ● utilities included 1ST MONTH FREE ON SELECT APARTMENTS	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at $1145 **703-436-1516** dominionplazaapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	
VA		**Southern Towers** 4901 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22301	1st Month Free on Selected Apartments • Close to Pentagon & I-395 • Convenience store on-site • Free on-site parking • Metrobus accessible • Small pets welcome • No security deposit & move-in fees	Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $975 **703-485-4154** southerntowersapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
VA		**Rosslyn Heights** 1804 N. Quinn Arlington, VA 22209	Enjoy Rosslyn Heights' amenities such as our community clubhouse with Cyber Café, fitness center, two seasonal swimming pools, a picnic area and business center all to help you relax and rejuvenate!	1&2BRs Starting at $1785 **703-822-7327**		X	X		X	X	X		X			
VA		**The Park at Arlington Ridge** 1800 South 26th Street Arlington, VA 22206	LUXURY. CONVENIENCE. LIFESTYLE. These three words exude what is best about The Park at Arlington Ridge! Plush landscaping, well designed interiors, luxury amenities and services. Just minutes from DC, shopping, restaurants and entertainment the Park has the luxury and convenience to suit your busy lifestyle!	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1530 **703-595-4033** parkatarlingtonridge.com		X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
VA		**Prosperity Flats** 2704 Dorr Avenue Fairfax, VA 22031	Walk one block to Dun Loring Metro Station! Brand New! May 2013 DELIVERIES. Luxury apartment community offering 1 and 2BRs some with Dens and featuring sought - after community amenities! www.lifeatprosperity.com Ask for Gina!	1&2BRs Starting at $1900 **703-208-4400** lifeatprosperity.com		X	X			X	X		X			X
VA		**Monticello Falls Church** 3212 Allen Street #101 Falls Church, VA 22042	• 2 swimming pools & 5 playgrounds • 24 hour maintenance • Adjacent to Loehmann's Plaza, Shopping, New Super Giant and New Library • Conv to Metro & minutes fr Dunn Loring Metro Sta • No security deposit & move-in fees SHORT TERM LEASE AVAIL. on 2 BR ONLY	1 BRs $1460-$1510 2 BRs $1720 to $1775 **703-436-1510** monticellogardenapts.com		X	X		X		X	X				
VA		**Berkdale Apartments** 661 Dulles Park Ct. #104 Herndon, VA 20170	GREAT LOCATION: • Worldgate Center (3 blocks) • Old Town Herndon (minutes away) • Dulles Toll Rd, Dulles Greenway, Herndon Pkwy closeby Spacious living/dining rms, modern kitchens, community playground, grilling areas! Some utilities are included	1,2,3 BRs starting at $1220 **877-554-4118** berkdaleapts.com		X	X	X	X		X					
VA		**The Courts at Historic Manassas** 9203 Prince William St. Manassas, VA 20110	Welcome to the Courts at Historic Manassas! Just steps from the VRE and downtown Historic Manassas, our beautiful new residences are just what you've been looking for.	1-2BR's Starting at $1430 **888-546-0688** Leasing@thecourtsapts.com		X	X								

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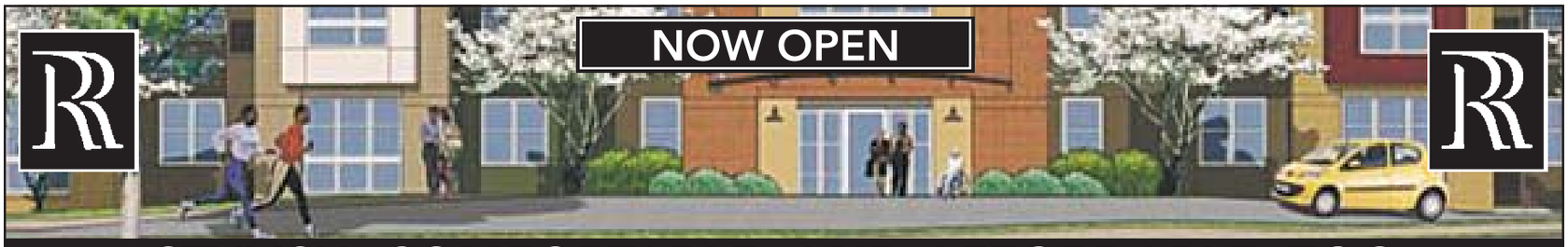

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Japanese Street Festival: The largest Japanese cultural festival in the United States features food, arts, martial arts demonstrations and traditional and J-Pop performances on five stages, Sat., April 13, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., $5; ages 12 and younger, free. 12th Street NW and Pennsylvania Avenue; 202-619-7222.

National Cherry Blossom Festival Anime Marathon: Screenings of all 26 episodes of "Samurai Champloo," the popular television series by Shinichiro Watanabe, Sat. and Sun., April 13-14, 11 a.m., free. Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Marching Band Showcase: Marching bands from the Cherry Blossom Festival Parade perform, Sat., April 13, noon-6 p.m., free. Thomas Jefferson Memorial, 900 Ohio Drive SW; 202-426-6841.

Anime Artists Workshop: Anime artists help you create anime and manga drawings, Sat. and Sun., April 13-14, 1 and 3 p.m., free. Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Blossoms by Bike: A two-hour, 7-mile tour of the trees around the Potomac Tidal Basin and East Potomac Park, Fri.-Sun., April 12-14, 2 p.m., $35; 12 and under, $25. Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-289-1908, Bikeandroll.com.

Blossoms by Bike River Ride: Bike and Roll leads a three-hour, 15-mile ride along the Mount Vernon Trail from Old Town Alexandria to the District. Must be at least 13, Fri.-Sun., Apr. 12-14, 1 p.m., $42. Bike and Roll Shop, One Wales Alley, Alexandria; 703-838-4399.

Branching Out: The work of National Cherry Blossom Festival artist Erik Abel, as well as Graham Franciose and Ursula Young, are on display, Sat. and Sun., April 13-15, free. Art Whino, 122 Waterfront St., National Harbor; 301-567-8210, Artwhino.com.

U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Beyond the Tidal Basin: The U.S. National Arboretum offers crowd-free cherry-blossom views (here, with the National Capitol Columns in the background). Free, self-guided tour brochures are available through Sun., April 14.

ONGOING EVENTS

For a full list of cherry blossom-related events, go to Wapo.st/cherry2013

Ephemeral: Interpretations of the Cherry Blossom: Artists for this exhibition created works that celebrate the cherry blossom. Glass artists Michael Janis and Robert Kincheloe, photographer David Douglas, painters Sumita Kim and Jun Chul Kim, and sculptures by Akemi Maegawa, Dalya Luttwak and David Loren Gerlach will be featured, through Sun., April 7. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Va.; 703-584-2900, Workhousearts.org.

Kimono exhibit: The exhibit highlights nature themes. In conjunction with the exhibit, a three-day fundraiser will be held Mon., April 1, 4-8 p.m.; Tue., April 2, noon-8 p.m.; and Wed., April 3, noon-7 p.m. Kimonos, accessories, jewelry and other Japanese items will be for sale. Proceeds benefit the National Cherry Blossom Festival and the Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C. Exhibit subject to close without notice. Visitors should call to check availability, through Mon., April 15, free. Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-554-8588, Mandarinoriental.com.

Tidal Basin Paddle Boat Rides: During the Cherry Blossom Festival, advance reservations can be made for times between 10 a.m. and noon, through Mon., April 15, $12-$19 per hour. Tidal Basin Boathouse, 1501 Maine Ave. SW; 202-479-2426, Tidalbasinpaddleboats.com.

DC Cruises Cherry Blossom River Tour: A 50-minute boat ride along the cherry trees and monuments. No children younger than 4, through Sun., April 14, check website for times, $24; seniors and military, $19; ages 4 to 12, $12. DC Cruises, 1100 Maine Ave. SW; 301-765-0750, Dc-cruises.com.

Beyond the Tidal Basin: Introducing Other Great Flowering Trees: Drive, bike or walk through a self-guided tour of the arboretum's diverse collection of cherries, including two new varieties developed by arboretum scientists. Brochures available at the visitor center, through Sun., April 14, free. U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave. NE; 202-245-2726, Usna.usda.gov.

Spy Cherry Blossom SCVNGR: Download SCVNGR on your smartphone and start completing challenges that combine cherry blossoms and the world of espionage, through April 14, free. International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW; 202-393-7798, Spymuseum.org.

Cherry Blossom Food Tour: DC Metro Food Tours leads this three-hour tour that combines a historic guided tour with stops at local restaurants for specially created dishes and drinks inspired by the National Cherry Blossom Festival; see Dcmetrofoodtours.com for times and dates, $49. Eastern Market Metro Station, 701 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-637-7000.

Kenwood Cherry Blossoms and Spring Flowers Walk: A seasonal trek that can be walked each day through May 13. The self-guided 6.2-mile and 3.1-mile options are along the Capitol Crescent Trail, through a Kenwood neighborhood and on city streets. The 6.2-mile trail has some hills, is suitable for strollers, but not for wheelchairs. The 3.1-mile option (rated 1 A), is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs and requires driving 3.2 miles to a different start point. Driving directions are on the walk instructions. Pick up map at Starbucks, free. Starbucks Bethesda, Shops at Sumner Place, 4611-E Sangamore Road, Bethesda; 301-320-9845.

Seeds, Pods and Saplings: The Convergence of Three: The works of Japanese-born sculptor Yuriko Yamaguchi, painter Michi Fugita and multimedia artist Iona Rozeal Brown are displayed, through Mon., April 15, free. D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, 200 I St. SE; 202-724-5613, Dcarts.dc.gov.

Capital Yacht Charters Cherry Blossom River Tours: A 60-minute cruise past the cherry blossoms; see Washingtonmarina.com for times and dates. Washington Marina, 1300 Maine Ave. SW; 202-470-2670.

Cherry Blossom Talks: National Park Service rangers lead a tour of the cherry blossoms, Sat., March 23, through Sun., April 7, 10 a.m., 2 and 6 p.m., free.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Ohio Drive NW; 202-426-6841.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial, 900 Ohio Drive SW; 202-426-6841.

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, 1964 Independence Ave. SW; 202-426-6841.

Ikebana International Exhibition: The local chapter of Ikebana International exhibits flower arrangements representing ikebana schools, from traditional to contemporary. The installation — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 5-21 — will change three times during the exhibit. Master teachers will give free demonstrations Sat. and Sun., April 6-7, and Sat. and Sun., April 20-21, 1-2:30 p.m., free. U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave. NE; 202-245-2726, Usna.usda.gov.

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10:15 a.m. - Worship Service
Wed., March 27 - Noon Bible Class
7:00 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study
Thurs., March 28 - 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 29 - 7:00 p.m. - ***Good Friday Service: "Seven Last Words"***
Sun., March 31 - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Service

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HOUR OF POWER
Wednesday, Service 12:00 noon
Reverend Jonathan V. Newton, Preaching

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Worship Service with Lord's Supper
7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
"Seven Last Words of Christ" Preached
12:00 noon

Silent March/Call To Action:
Stopping the Pipeline to Prison
Meeting at Church 1:00 PM
Marching to Freedom Plaza for Rally 2:00 PM
"Seven Last Words of Christ" Cantata 7:00 PM
"Good Ole Country" Fish Fry Dinners
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
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RESURRECTION SUNDAY
Worship Services 7:45AM & 11:00 AM
9:30 AM Church School
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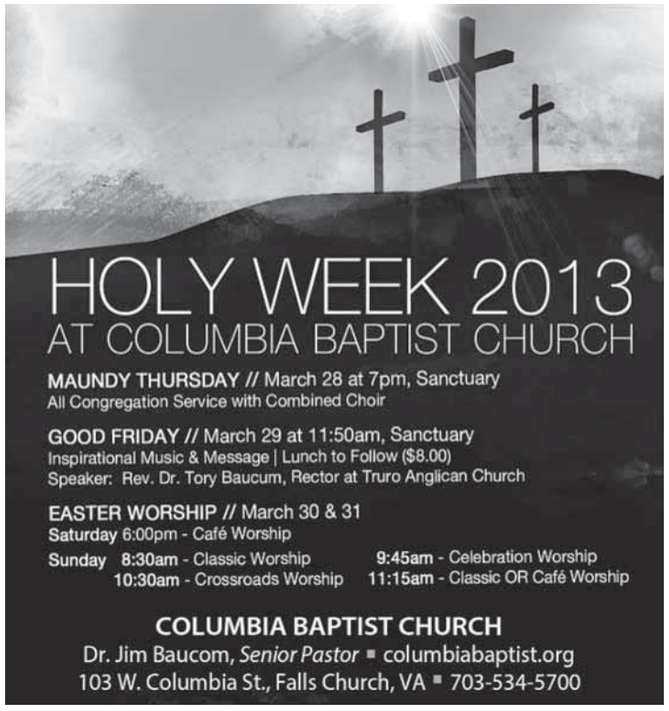

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Easter Sunday, March 31 - 11:00 am
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HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES:

Palm Sunday, 11 a.m., "A March After God's Heart"

Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., "Remembering and Proclaiming"

Easter Sunday, "Finding Jesus Amid the Emptiness"
Music prelude at 10:45 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Holy Week AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24
8 am & 11 am - Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of Palms
4 pm - J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion,* $25+

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28
7:30 pm - Holy Eucharist with Footwashing
9:30 pm - Vigil with the Reserved Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
noon–3 pm - Liturgy for Good Friday
3 pm - Rite of Reconciliation
6:30 pm - When It Was Evening service

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30
8 pm - Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER, MARCH 31
8 am & 11 am - Festival Holy Eucharist*
4 pm - Choral Evensong
5:15 pm - Organ recital

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Passion/Palm Sunday, March 24
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Maundy Thursday
12:00, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Tenebrae 7:30 p.m.
Saturday/Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31
8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.
(11:00 a.m. Children's Message)

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Holy Week & Easter Services

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Holy Week at Fourth

Palm Sunday
March 24

MORNING SERVICE
8:00, 9:30, 11:00am services
with Dr. Robert M. Norris
"Divine Determination"
Luke 9:51-61

EVENING SERVICE
6pm Communion service with
Dr. Todd Smedley
"Praise to Him Who Stoops to the Needy" | Psalm 113

Maundy Thursday
March 28
7:30pm Communion service
with Dr. Todd Smedley
"He Loved Us to the End"
John 13:1-20

Good Friday
March 29
7:30pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness
with Dr. Robert M. Norris
"The Heart of God"
Hosea 11:1-11

Easter Sunday
March 31
EASTER
COMMUNION SUNRISE
6:00am

EASTER MORNING
8:00, 9:30, 11:00am services

EASTER EVENING
6pm

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- March 28 Holy Thursday 7:30 pm
- March 29 Good Friday 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- March 30 Easter Vigil 7:30 pm
- March 31 Easter Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:45 am & 12:30 pm
- Mass in Korean at 5:00 pm Easter Sunday

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Maundy Thursday	*7:30pm (English)*
Karfreitag	*12:00pm (German)*
Good Friday	*1:00pm (English)*
Easter "The Certainty of Love"	*11:00am (Bilingual)*

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Maundy Thursday
Thursday, March 28, 2013 @ 7:15 pm
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Good Friday
Friday, March 29, 2013 @ 12:00 noon
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Easter Sunday Worship Services
Sunday, March 31, 2013
6:30 am Sunrise Service – Guest Soloist
8:30 am Worship Service – Combined Choirs of Asbury w/ Special Music & Guest
10:30 am Worship Service – Combined Choirs, Hand Bell Ringers and Children's Choir

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Good Fri 7pm • Easter Egg Hunt Sat 10am
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Good Friday: 3/29, 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday: 3/31, 10:00 a.m.

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Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m.

Sunday March 24
Flowery-Palm Sunday
Divine Liturgies 9:00 a.m. (English)
11:30 a.m. (Ukrainian)

Monday March 25
Annunciation of the Mother of God
Great and Holy Monday
Vespers with Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday March 26
Great and Holy Tuesday
Presanctified Liturgy
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 27
Great and Holy Wednesday
Presanctified Liturgy
Anointing with the Oil of Healing (Holy Unction)
7:00 p.m.

Thursday March 28
Great and Holy Thursday
Vespers and Divine Liturgy
of St. Basil the Great
Commemorating the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.

Friday March 29
Great and Holy Friday
Matins of Our Lord's Passion and Death
(Strasti-12 Gospels)
10:30 a.m.

Vespers and Placing of the Shroud
(Plaschanytsya) 7:00 p.m.

Vigil and Guarding of Our Lord's Tomb
until 10:00 p.m.

Saturday March 30
Great and Holy Saturday
Vigil and Guarding of Our Lord's Tomb
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Jerusalem Matins at the Tomb
10:30 a.m.

Confessions
2:00 p.m.

Blessing of Easter Baskets
3:00 p.m.

Vespers and Divine Liturgy
of St. Basil the Great
First Liturgy of Pascha-Easter Vigil
7:00 p.m.
[Satisfies Easter Obligation]
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

Sunday March 31
Pascha – Easter Sunday
Matins of the Resurrection
8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy of Pascha
9:00 a.m.
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

Monday April 1
Bright Monday
Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday April 2
Bright Tuesday
Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m.

Sunday April 7
Thomas Sunday – Ante-Pascha
Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Followed by
Sviachene-Parish Easter Dinner

Holy Week & Easter Services

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Palm Sunday: **Sunday, March 24**
Services at **9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM**

Maundy Thursday: **Thursday, March 28**
6:00 PM Foot Washing Ritual
7:00 PM Communion & Adoration of the Cross

Good Friday: **Friday, March 29**
Services at **Noon** and **7:00 PM**
"The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Duois at 7 PM

Holy Saturday: **Saturday, March 30**
Easter Egg Hunt at Stead Park at **10:15 AM**

Easter Sunday: **Sunday, March 31**
Services at **9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM**

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9am & 11:15am Procession with Eco-Palms and Children's Choirs*
11am Worship at Wesley UMC
5pm Crossroads at St. Luke's Mission Center*

Maundy Thursday
7:30pm Worship with Communion at Metropolitan Memorial *

Good Friday Services
Noon–3pm "Seven Last Words" at Metropolitan Memorial
7pm Worship at Wesley UMC
7:30pm Worship at Metropolitan Memorial*

Easter Sunday–March 31
9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Worship at Metropolitan Memorial*
Festival Choirs, Brass, Timpani, and Handbells
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11 a.m. Worship at Wesley UMC
5 p.m Crossroads at St. Luke's Mission Center.*

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PALM SUNDAY
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Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Upper Room Meal, Communion, and Foot Washing Service

Friday, March 29, 12:00 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY
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Showtime In Naptown

THINKSTOCK/EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Wanna start your own film festival? It's not as easy as just showing a bunch of movies, that's for sure. ¶ The first Annapolis Film Festival, which began Thursday and runs through the weekend, is showcasing 96 films, most of which have not found wide distribution. Festival co-founders Patti White and Lee Anderson (partners at Filmsters, a production company in Annapolis) let us in on what it takes to throw one of the biggest parties Naptown has ever seen. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Step 1: Location, Location, Location

"I think [Annapolis] wanted a festival without even knowing they wanted it," White says. To make it local-friendly (and feasible in a city where parking is often at a premium), White and Anderson situated the festival entirely within Annapolis' walkable arts district. "There's a festive environment when you're walking," Anderson says, "when you can ask people, 'Hey, what did you just see? Let's have some dinner right here and see the next one together.' It's different if it's spread out."

Step 2: Amass an Army

The festival is all-volunteer, with hundreds of people working — for free — to make it happen. And these aren't grunts: "We have graphic designers, filmmakers, event planners who do this for a living," White says. "The quality and skill level is just extraordinary."

Selections From the Schedule

'The Good Son: The Life of Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini' is a documentary about a 1982 bout between Mancini and Korean boxer Kim Duk-koo, who died from injuries suffered in the ring. Thirty years after Kim's death, Mancini meets his opponent's son. *Sat., 8 p.m.*

A small, dying town finds its heart in skate parks, where teenagers Garrison, Kevin and Skye do most of their hanging out. **'Only the Young,'** which also played at Silverdocs last year, follows the teens as they live out their simple yet extraordinary lives. *Fri., 6:15 p.m.*

Step 3: Set the Screen

Many of the films were chosen because they fit well in the waterfront city, the home of the U.S. Naval Academy. "We've tried to determine our identity as a festival with the things we think or hope [Annapolitans] will enjoy watching," Anderson says. "So there's a little bit of military, Navy stuff ..." Adds White: "We have a sailing movie. We also have a great African-American showcase, because the culture of this town is steeped in African-American culture." It's not all middies and spinnakers: Friday night brings Splatterfest, which White describes as a collection of films "that make you see red," and the festival features many international selections.

Step 4: Build Buzz

To get the word out, the festival sponsored two special events recently: a Shorts Crawl last September — with filmgoers trekking from bar to bar for food, drinks and short films — and an Oscars party in February.

Step 5: Buy Stock in Post-Its

In White and Anderson's office, one wall is overtaken by a Staples store's worth of stickies that plot the flow of the festival.

Step 6: Brace Yourself for The Future

"We're not expecting it all right out of the gate," White says. "But we want people to say, 'I'm coming down from New Hampshire to go to the Annapolis Film Festival' the way we go to Nantucket or another small festival." As for locals, she says, "We want people to say, 'We have to go to this! This is the hottest thing this year!'" Anderson breaks in: "Not this year. EVERY year."

● *Annapolis Film Festival; through Sun., various times, prices and locations; 866-973-9612, Annapolisfilmfestival.net.*

There's More to See

Going to festivals can be addictive. Luckily, you can get your fix throughout the whole year without going too far.

- **Korean Film Festival:** Various venues, led by the Freer and Sackler Galleries, host screenings of Korean films both new and old; this year's fest features a retrospective of the work of director Park Chan-wook ("Stoker"). *Through April 21; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu*
- **Filmfest DC:** More than 80 films are on the slate for the festival's 27th year. Special categories include films about espionage, international comedies and films on social justice. *April 11-21; 202-274-5782, Filmfestdc.org*
- **Silverdocs:** Now a nationally known festival for documentary films, both short and feature-length, Silverdocs takes Silver Spring by storm every summer. *June 19-13; Silverdocs.com*
- **DC Shorts Film Festival:** This one features indie shorts of every genre and a screenplay competition. *Sept. 19-29; 202-393-4266, Festival.dcshorts.com* K.P.K.

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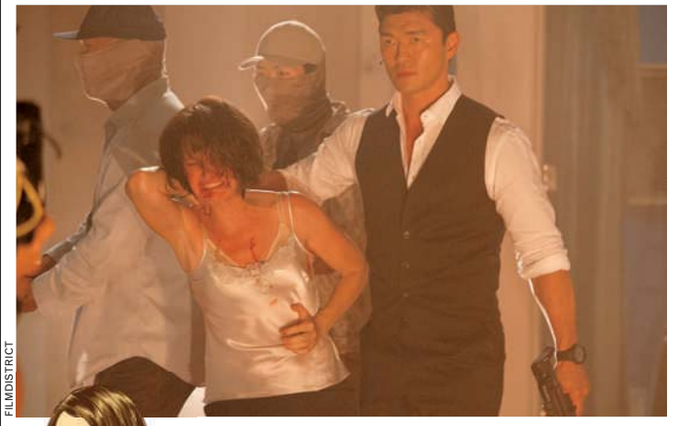

FILMDISTRICT

"Olympus Has Fallen" should be tried for war crimes.

THE REELIST KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY

Carnage Wreck

I was born in Texas, but D.C. is home. I moved here just before second grade and, except for college an hour away and my two years in Chicago, I have lived in the area ever since. Maybe that's why I took it so hard when "Olympus Has Fallen," out Friday, gleefully destroyed the city.

Or maybe I nearly walked out because the film took the killing of extras to new heights, thanks to suicide bombers, machine-gun-bearing airplanes and tumbling pieces of the Washington Monument. Or maybe I was angry because the last time a terrorist attack hit my city, I was teaching in a classroom 10 miles away, watching it with 25 10th-graders I was supposed to reassure.

Movies that explore violence — and there are great ones, some of which are staggeringly gory — are one thing. It's something else altogether to be expected to sit passively by (or, worse, encouraged to cheer) while watching images of human beings as they get their heads blown off, get knives jabbed into their skulls, or get beaten bloody, without missing a bite of our popcorn.

We have enough pointless violence, enough 6-year-olds with bullet wounds, enough soldiers going from alive to dead with one loud bang, enough news stories about people diving for cover as automatic-weapons fire rips through a crowd. "Olympus Has Fallen" is a morally reprehensible film that brings nothing to the table except a staggering body count. It doesn't examine violence in any way, and there is nothing innovative or intriguing about it.

If you were here the last time terrified people came streaming out of the White House, you've seen this horror show before. No one needs to see it again.

If you'd like proof that "violent movie" doesn't mean "stupid movie," the AFI Silver in Silver Spring is showcasing the films of Quentin Tarantino and Park Chan-wook, both masters of intelligent film violence. This weekend you can see Tarantino's "Django Unchained" and "Kill Bill Vol. 1" and Park's "Stoker" and "Oldboy."

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Grading on a Curve

'Admission' gets high marks for quirkiness, but an inconsistent tone bogs it down

Film Review

"Admission" — which stars comedians Tina Fey and Paul Rudd but is not exactly a "Tina Fey and Paul Rudd comedy" — may never find its true audience. It's a classic example of the cinematic underachiever: a movie with a good head on its shoulders and a sweet heart, but with an inconsistent report card.

There's a high school senior with the same problem at the center of this off-kilter charmer. That's Jeremiah Balakian (Nat Wolff), a brilliant oddball with a lousy GPA who got stellar scores on his SAT and AP exams. Rudd plays Jeremiah's principal, John Pressman, a free spirit who's so determined to get his misfit star pupil into a good school that he calls up old college classmate Portia Nathan (Fey), a Princeton University admissions officer.

John also has discovered — or believes he has — a familial connection between Portia and Jeremiah, an adoptee who is the same age as the child Portia gave up for adoption when she was an undergraduate. Believing that she is Jeremiah's birth mother, Portia's maternal instinct suddenly kicks in.

That complicates her job, which depends on Portia's ability to accept or reject an applicant based on quantifiable academic suitability.

We should mention that "Admission" is not especially funny

On the one hand, it looks like a satire of academia. On the other hand, it could be a gentle rom-com. In truth, it's neither.

Or rather, it's both, to some degree. Mostly, it's a tale of regret and letting go, and how the paths that our lives take matter less than the way we walk them. "Admission" is a serious film about life, relationships and growing up, with a gloss of humor. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

DAVID LEE/FOCUS FEATURES

The inclusion of co-stars Tina Fey and Paul Rudd may lead you to believe "Admission" is a comedy. It's not, exactly.

Admission (PG-13)

- **Director:** Paul Weitz
- **Stars:** Tina Fey, Paul Rudd
- **In a Nutshell:** A Princeton admissions officer takes a professional risk after she meets a college-bound alternative school kid who just might be the son she gave up years ago in secret.

An Impassioned Rite of Passage

'Ginger & Rosa' maps out the unraveling of a childhood friendship

Film Review

Elle Fanning plays Ginger, who as a 17-year-old in 1962 London is still inseparable from Rosa (Alice Englert), her best friend since birth. They do everything together, from shrinking their blue jeans in the bathtub and ironing their hair to smoking cigarettes; they even dress alike for their first meeting of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, an obsession of Ginger's.

As "Ginger & Rosa" unfolds, the girls face a series of ruptures, the first having to do with Ginger's embrace of politics while Rosa drifts toward the church.

As the confused, frightened and outraged protagonist, Fanning delivers a quietly bravura performance. This is her movie, as the character processes her burgeoning sense of terror and disappointment in the structures and people around her. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

NICOLA DOVE

Elle Fanning, right, plays Ginger, and Alice Englert, left, stars as Rosa.

Ginger & Rosa (PG-13)

- **Director:** Sally Potter
- **Stars:** Elle Fanning, Alice Englert
- **In a Nutshell:** A look at two girls growing up in 1960s London as the Cuban Missile Crisis looms.

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21 and Over

(R, 93 MINUTES) "21 and Over" is basically "The Hangover" but younger. Here, the cause for partying is the 21st birthday of Jeff Chang (Justin Chon). His best friends from childhood surprise him at college with a plan for debauchery. The only hiccup is that Jeff has — no, not a wedding — a med school interview the following morning and doesn't want to incur the wrath of his domineering father by showing up with the shakes. Somewhere between that first beer and Jeff's 7 a.m. appointment with Dad, countless outlandish misadventures unfold. STEPHANIE MERRY

The Call

(R, 95 MINUTES) This tense police procedural, starring Halle Berry, above, as a besieged 911 operator, raises a provocative question: Can't someone come up with screenwriting software that signals when a script has made the fatal slip from hyped-up suspense to sheer ludicrousness? As a seasoned emergency responder named Jordan, Berry takes a call from a terrified teenager that does not end well. Rattled, she jumps into the breach when another young woman is abducted from a shopping mall parking lot. The twist in "The Call" is that Berry's character has no intention of allowing herself or her young charge to be a victim. That ethos of empowerment is commendable, but by "The Call's" outlandish end, it feels self-serving. A.H.

Dark Skies

(PG-13, 97 MINUTES) If you've seen the trailer, you pretty much know what kind of boogeyman is causing all the ruckus in the film. The movie starts slowly, as a suburban couple (Keri Russell and Josh Hamilton) and their two young sons start

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to notice odd things happening around the house, such as finding a towering construction of precariously piled food containers in the kitchen. From there, the weirdness just keeps getting weirder. M.O.

Dead Man Down

(R, 118 MINUTES) "Dead Man Down" is a boilerplate revenge thriller, the story of two haunted and damaged loners drawn together by their mutual desire for vengeance. The first loner, Beatrice, wants to murder the drunk driver who hit her. Her counterpart, Victor (Colin Farrell, below), is a professional thug whose apartment — across the street from Beatrice's — has a secret room filed with high-tech spy gear and serial-killer-style paraphernalia. Victor spends his downtime brooding over home movies of a mysterious woman and child and plotting retribution — against whom is not clear. M.O.

Escape From Planet Earth

(PG, 89 MINUTES) "Escape From Planet Earth" is a kind of parallel universe to "Planet 51," the 2009 animated comedy centering on an astronaut marooned on an alien world and his struggle to get home. The plot of the new movie is nearly identical to that of the earlier film, except everything is flipped. Here, the astronaut is a blue-skinned E.T. named Scorch Supernova (voice of Brendan Fraser) who has been captured by the U.S. military after crash-landing in Area 51. Like "Planet 51," it's a cute premise. But the movie aims no higher than cute. M.O.

A Good Day to Die Hard

(R, 98 MINUTES) Armed and ludicrous, John McClane is back in "A Good Day to Die Hard," the fifth installment of the franchise starring Bruce Willis. As the ultimate ugly American, McClane is now cutting his

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DREAMWORKS ANIMATION

Guy (voiced by Ryan Reynolds) and Eep (voiced by Emma Stone) set out for a new world in the 3-D animated film "The Croods."

Prehistoric Voyage

Animated feature 'The Croods' delivers a message alongside some mammoth fun

Film Review

Think of "The Croods" as the backstory of "The Flintstones," before that modern Stone Age family got, well, modern.

The heroes of this cute animated comedy are animal-pelt-wearing proto-humans. Unlike the protagonists of the old Hanna-Barbera cartoon, however, hunter-gatherers Grug Crood (Nicolas Cage) and his wife, Ugga (Catherine Keener), don't live in an amenity-filled house but in a dark, depressing cave. They're raising their kids — Eep (Emma Stone), Thunk (Clark Duke) and Sandy (Randy Thom) — as best they can, considering there's no Internet.

This world is a scary place, filled with saber-toothed tigers and other dangerous beasties. That's one nice thing about this film: Because of the prehistoric setting, the filmmakers were free to imagine all sorts of wondrous, extinct critters.

The Croods (PG)

- **Directors:** Kirk De Micco and Chris Sanders
- **Stars:** Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds and Emma Stone
- **In a Nutshell:** The world's first prehistoric family goes on a road trip to an uncharted world.

"The Croods" is light fare, but it explores a serious theme, if only superficially.

At times, the film's 3-D vision of the so-called "Croodaceous Era" resembles the fantastical, candy-colored jungle of "Avatar." When the Croods discover rain and stars for the first time, there's a sense of discovery for us, too.

Driving the story forward is the character of Eep, a restless teen who chafes at her father's dictum, "Never not be afraid." Sneaking out of the cave one night, Eep encounters Guy (Ryan Reynolds), a more advanced, Homo-sapiens-like adolescent who has already discovered such conveniences as fire, shoes and pants.

Guy has discovered something else, too: The world as Eep knows it is coming to an end, thanks to shifting continental land masses. That leads Grug and his family of knuckle-draggers to throw in their lot with the more fearless Guy, after an earthquake destroys their home.

"The Croods" is light fare, but it explores a serious theme, if only superficially. That's the importance of cooperation — and the evolutionary advantage of altruism — in the formation of human society. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Easy on the Eyes, Hard to Follow

'Like Someone in Love' looks beautiful but is too confusing

Film Review

The Tokyo-set drama "Like Someone in Love" opens with a one-sided telephone conversation, yet the speaker is nowhere to be found. The effect is disorienting and curious, and sets the tone for a film that consistently dangles the full story just out of reach.

SUNDANCE SELECTS

Rin Takanashi stars as the prostitute at the center of "Like Someone In Love."

It follows Akiko (Rin Takanashi), the childlike woman whose disembodied voice opens the film. She is a college student and a part-time prostitute, a fact she wisely keeps from her volatile and jealous fiance. She meets a client, Takashi, an elderly professor who comes across like a Japanese Wilford Brimley. He's paternal and much more concerned with feeding Akiko his homemade soup than getting her into the sack.

The drama unfolds slowly and methodically. And while maintaining an air of mystery can work for a filmmaker, he has to give a little along the way. The camerawork is meticulous, but the facts remain a blur. STEPHANIE MERRY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Like Someone in Love (NR)

- **Director:** Abbas Kiarostami
- **Stars:** Rin Takanashi
- **In a Nutshell:** In Tokyo, a young prostitute develops an unexpected connection with an elder man.

MICHAEL MULLER

Girls Gone Vile

'Spring Breakers' is the movie equivalent of that cruise ship that got stranded

Film Review

What little fascination there is to be found in "Spring Breakers" — Harmony Korine's tedious, St. Petersburg, Fla.-set exercise in crime drama — comes courtesy of James Franco, who plays a cornrowed, dental-grill wearing drug dealer named Alien. The actor, whose deep-fried performance consists mainly of waving automatic weapons while intoning "spring break," over and over and over again, is at least mesmerizingly awful, if repetitive.

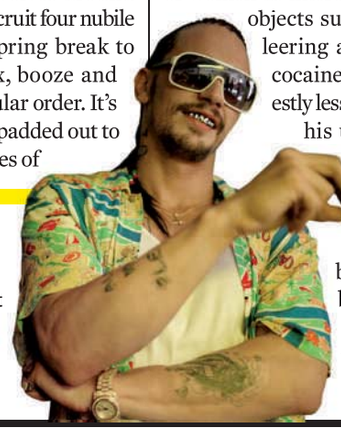
The plot of the film, to the extent that it has one, revolves around Alien's attempt to recruit four nubile female coeds on spring break to a life of crime, sex, booze and drugs, in no particular order. It's a 15-minute script, padded out to 1½ hours with scenes of degrading, "Girls Gone Wild"-style toplessness, underage drinking and drug use, and culminating in an absurd, slow-motion shootout featuring bikini-clad gunmen in pink ski masks.

"Spring Breakers" isn't deadly dull despite all the nudity and violence, but because of it. Korine quickly runs out of ideas and starts recycling almost immediately. The sound effect of a pistol's slide being racked is utilized so frequently that it starts to lose all power. Like Alien's mantra, other lines of dialogue are repeated, with slight variations.

Good luck distinguishing any one of the four female leads from any other. Aside from Selena Gomez, who plays a semi-devout Christian named Faith, there is no discernible difference between the characters portrayed by Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Benson or Rachel Korine (the director's wife). Korine's treatment of women as interchangeable sex objects suitable only for leering at, or snorting cocaine off of, is honestly less offensive than his unwillingness to give them roles that remotely resemble human beings. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Spring Breakers (R)

- **Director:** Harmony Korine
- **Stars:** Vanessa Hudgens, Selena Gomez, James Franco, right
- **In a Nutshell:** Four coeds who land in jail after robbing a restaurant in order to fund a vacation find themselves bailed out by a drug dealer who wants them to do some dirty work.



Magic Can't Hide the Horrors

A young girl endures a harsh reality in the mystic 'War Witch'

Film Review

A few minutes into "War Witch," the film's 12-year-old heroine is faced with a hellish choice: Kill her parents, or watch them be killed by rebels who have kidnapped her and want to turn her into a child warrior.

This is only the first horror visited upon Komona (Rachel Mwanza) in Canadian filmmaker Kim Nguyen's harrowing, Oscar-nominated drama, which, though filmed in Congo, is set in an unspecified African nation beset by civil war.

She will kill many and see many be killed. One of the film's more poetic touches is Komona's ability to commune with the dead, whose spirits come to her, with gray skin and lifeless eyes, whenever she drinks a hallucinogenic tree sap called magic milk.

It may be hard for a viewer to accept some of the paranormal goings-on in "War Witch" — the ghosts, the superstitions, the otherworldly powers — but they're nothing compared to the realities that Komona has to endure. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

COURTESY TRIBECA FILM

Serge Kanyinda, left, and Rachel Mwanza, right, in a scene from "War Witch."

War Witch (NR)

- **Director:** Kim Nguyen
- **Stars:** Rachel Mwanza
- **In a Nutshell:** The story of a 12-year-old girl who was abducted by a rebel army in Africa.

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American, McClane is now cutting his destructive swath through Moscow, where there's seemingly always a gun or a bomb at the ready. He's come to Mother Russia to find out what's happened to his son, Jack, who's managed to land in a Moscow prison. Both assaultive and tiresome, the film barely registers on the action-movie Richter scale. It goes bang, it goes boom and then it blessedly goes away. A.H.

Identity Thief

(R, 111 MINUTES) What a bummer. "Identity Thief" turns out to be instantly forgettable: a desultory collection of slapstick gags, buddy-movie cliches and chase-sequence bombast. Sandy Patterson (Jason Bateman) receives a call from a cheerful financial security operator who persuades him to give her his Social Security number. Within a few hours, this unrepentantly amoral con artist (Melissa McCarthy) is on her way to racking up $12,000 in credit card debt, all in Sandy's name. The real Sandy eventually sets off to Florida to find the fake Sandy, a junket that turns into a "Midnight Run"-type chase. A.H.

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone

(PG-13, 101 MINUTES) "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" is a generic, fitfully funny mainstream comedy that doesn't nearly get the best from its name-brand players but doesn't qualify as a desecration, either. Viewers expecting the chemistry that made "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Anchorman" big hits will need to adjust their assumptions: Here, Steve Carell's, above, sidekick is played by Steve Buscemi, who has his own bug-eyed appeal, but is essentially a straight man to Carell's diva. When Jim Carrey shows up on the Vegas Strip as

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hipster stunt artist Steve Gray, any hopes of comic riffing between him and Carell are soon dashed by the realization that Carrey barely registers his co-stars' presence. A.H.

Jack the Giant Slayer

(PG-13, 117 MINUTES) Much like the imaginary setting — a floating land called Gantua, situated halfway between heaven and Earth, and populated by a race of CGI giants — the fairy tale-inspired film is stuck between two extremes: too scary for very young children, yet too silly for most older fans of director Bryan Singer. Loosely based on the English folk tale about a boy (Nicholas Hoult, above center) who discovers a magic beanstalk that leads to the realm of an evil giant, the film includes scenes of pitched battle that resemble outtakes of the "Lord of the Rings" films, as well as the kind of belching-and-flatulence humor popular with preschoolers. The question seems obvious: Who exactly is this movie for? M.O.

Oz the Great and Powerful

(PG, 130 MINUTES) Oscar Diggs (James Franco) is a sideshow conjurer with a traveling circus in 1905 Kansas. He's forced to make a quick escape from the midway via hot-air balloon, at which point he's caught in a cyclone that plops him down in a brightly colored, wide-screen world. If that all sounds familiar, it's meant to: "Oz the Great and Powerful" hews faithfully to Victor Fleming's "The Wizard of Oz." Time travel may be one element of the L. Frank Baum stories on which "The Wizard of Oz" and this incarnation are based, but plopping a Gen-X California boy into a role that calls for swift instincts and shrewd alertness is

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A Long Time Coming

'On the Road,' once viewed as unfilmable, arrives on the screen

Film

Brazilian-born director Walter Salles made his name in the U.S. with 2004's "The Motorcycle Diaries," based on Che Guevara's two-wheeled road trip through South America. Salles has hit the road again with "On the Road," his adaptation of Jack Kerouac's 1957 novel that defined the Beat Generation.

Salles

The film, opening at Landmark E Street Cinema on Friday, follows three friends as they careen across the country, often naked or high or both.

The book had long been considered unfilmable; Salles, though, embraced Kerouac's chaotic, nonlinear style and carried it into the movie. It's difficult to tell how much time passes — one minute it's sweltering, the next it's winter. Characters drift in without much introduction and depart without any farewell. "The way the film is constructed tries to do justice to the jazz and bebop that influenced Kerouac," Salles says.

The music of the time and the culture that surrounded it are front and center in one of the film's most frenetic scenes, a house party where married couple Marylou and Dean (Kristen Stewart and Garrett Hedlund) exuberantly dance to the delight of a screaming crowd.

"The camera is very close to the bodies," Salles says. "You're not watching them at a distance. It's as if you are part of that scene."

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

COURTESY IFC

From left: Sam Riley, Kristen Stewart and Garrett Hedlund in one of the few "On the Road" scenes in which no one's naked.

On the Road (R)

- **Director:** Walter Salles
- **Stars:** Sam Riley, Garrett Hedlund, Kristen Stewart
- **In a Nutshell:** A big-screen adaptation of Jack Kerouac's iconic, nonlinear 1957 Beat novel of the same name.

A Well-Traveled Mob Premise

'New World' tells a familiar gangster tale with stylish flair

Film Review

The title of South Korean director Park Hoon-jung's latest movie, "New World," derives from the name of an undercover police operation. A gangster-run corporation, Goldmoon, is about to choose a new boss, and the cops want to secretly control the succession.

This premise won't seem particularly new to fans of Hong Kong cops-and-gangsters fare.

"New World" opens with the bloody face of a man who has been tortured and is about to be executed. The victim is a Goldmoon flunky, accused of providing inside dope to the cops. Seemingly loyal Ja-sung (Lee Jung-jae) is actually a cop who has posed as a gang member for eight years and has become the trusted aide of Jung (Hwang Jung-min), one of the two men most likely to take control of Goldmoon.

Punctuated by stately funerals and chaotic melees, "New World" is as elegant and impassive as its suit-wearing thugs. Whirling camera movements and exuberant reverse zooms push viewers into the action and pull them through the various showdowns and double-crosses.

MARK JENKINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

COURTESY WELL GO USA ENTERTAINMENT

Lee Jung-jae, right, plays aide to Hwang Jung-min's mobster, left, in "New World."

New World (R)

- **Director:** Park Hoon-jung
- **Stars:** Lee Jung-jae and Hwang Jung-min
- **In a Nutshell:** Hong Kong police secretly try to control the line of succession in a crime syndicate.

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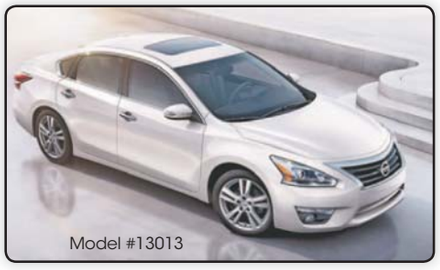

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film lookout

NOW PLAYING

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an error from which "Oz" never recovers. A.H.

Safe Haven

(PG-13, 115 MINUTES) Hoping to rebottle the lightning captured in "The Notebook" and "Dear John," romance packager Nicholas Sparks has given his usual formula some sharp edges. The film opens like a gritty thriller, complete with a taut chase through a crowded bus station and a few smidgens of blood. Soon enough, the film's protagonist, Katie, has fetched up in a quaint North Carolina town, where Sparks' fantasy of self-reinvention takes place. The film is like one of those Valentine's Day confections that satisfy your sweet tooth until you get to the weird, off-putting center. A.H.

Snitch

(PG-13, 95 MINUTES) "Snitch" is not your typical Dwayne Johnson movie. Neither a family-friendly comedy nor a flat-out action flick, "Snitch" requires little of its star other than a look of perpetual consternation. Johnson plays John Matthews, a man who volunteers to go undercover for the DEA in order to get the criminal sentence reduced for his 20-year-old son. John starts to suspect that he's disposable and that if he doesn't watch out he's going to end up stuffed inside a metal drum filled with acid in Mexico. Johnson does everything in his power to seem like the clueless family man who's never picked up a gun before. Other than that little role reversal, however, there's little that we haven't seen before. M.O.

Stoker

(R, 92 MINUTES) With "Stoker," Park Chan-wook's first English-language film, the Korean director of the 2003 cult hit "Oldboy" makes the translation to Hollywood without losing any of his visual verve. "Stoker" is so in love with fetishizing creepiness that it forgets to be, you know, creepy. The images may be haunting, but the events aren't. After the death of Richard Stoker (Dermot Mulroney) in an apparent car accident, his brother, Charlie (Matthew Goode), moves in with Richard's widow, Evelyn (Nicole Kidman), and their 18-year-old daughter, India (Mia Wasikowska). It's blindingly obvious that there's something wrong with Charlie. He leers at his hosts like the sociopath he very clearly is, and he comes on to both of them sexually. "Stoker" plays out like a Kabuki "Macbeth": gallons of style slathered on a story you already know by heart. M.O.

WALT DISNEY

"Oz the Great and Powerful" just wouldn't be a twist on "The Wizard of Oz" without the story's infamous flying monkeys.

Upside Down

(PG-13, 103 MINUTES) The sci-fi love story "Upside Down" features a Romeo and Juliet separated not by a family feud, but by gravity. Adam (Jim Sturgess) lives on a planet that has a twin—a neighboring world with an equal and opposite gravitational pull. The two orbs are close enough so that mountains on the surface of each world almost brush against each other. This is how Adam meets Eden (Kirsten Dunst), whom he discovers hanging upside down one day. While the cinematography, which renders everything in a cool, blue pallor, is simply gorgeous, the rest of "Upside Down" gets weighed down by its own logic. M.O.

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lookout styles

COURTESY ALLISON PARRIS

Allison Parris headlines a fashion show at Room & Board from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, co-hosted by FW, the style magazine of The Washington Post.

FACE TIME

Allison Parris

Call designer Allison Parris a party girl's best friend. The New York dressmaker specializes in killer miniskirts and bash-ready, flattering frocks. A seamstress long before she launched her line in 2008 (she made her senior-year prom dress!), Parris will show off new summer and fall styles in a fashion show at Room & Board (1840 14th St. NW; 202-729-8300) from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Did you have a creative upbringing?

My dad used to race cars, which my mom made him give up when he had two little kids. By the time I was old enough to remember, he was in a normal job working for Ford, and my mom had her own interior design company. It didn't occur to me till much later that they were in creative industries. I just thought they went to work every day!

A lot of your dresses have vintage silhouettes.

These are dresses that would have been very commonplace in the '50s. I like that proper structure for a dress. I grew up in the '90s when full skirts and structured bodices were not the trend, so I got a lot of my clothes from vintage stores. I got used to dresses that made me feel pretty.

Where do you imagine clients are wearing your dresses?

None of my designs are too risque. I'll wear one to meet the girls for coffee, but I realize most people don't do that. I know a lot of girls in New York and Los Angeles who are wearing them on a pretty regular basis to everyday events. I also have some clients who wear them as their wedding gowns or reception dresses. I think there's a broad range.

Can you elaborate on your commitment to fair practices?

There are a lot of things about factory production that are not quite right, so I decided to produce everything in the U.S. It's wildly more costly, but it gives you the availability to walk into the factory at any time and make sure everything is how it should be. Employees are paid fairly and the quality is better.

Sustainability is another thing you focus on.

Producing in the U.S. is the biggest thing you can do to make your brand less harmful to the environment. We're not 100 percent eco, but I feel there are a lot of things you can do now that don't change the design. The lining feels like any other fabric and is just as durable, but it's made from recycled materials.

What makes your dresses a good fit for D.C. women?

My designs are made to go from day to night, which I think is a D.C. thing. A lot of them have sleeves or a raised neckline you can wear to the office, but they still have some beading and details that make them appropriate to go out after work. My dresses do well in cities, but I think D.C. in particular jumped on that trend.

HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

"None of my designs are too risque. I'll wear one to meet the girls for coffee, but I realize most people don't do that."

shopping lookout

1 From Shoes to Snooze

KENNETH COLE GETS CRED for his hipster footwear and liberal ad campaigns. Now the New York fashion designer is venturing into home decor via a contemporary collaboration with Bed Bath & Beyond. Fit-for-a-NoMa-loft goodies include the gray-and-chartreuse "Swirl" duvet cover (shown, $120-$160, Bedbathandbeyond.com and in stores), sleek bath towels (from $20) and neutral-hued rugs (shown, $39-$400) worthy of sinking your toes into — once you've kicked off your Kenneth Cole wedges, of course.

Grab Bag

5 Crowning Glorious

DRYBAR (1825 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202-609-8644; 4840 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 240-483-4277) touts "No cuts. No color. Just blowouts." Now the salon chain will have to add "And Products" to that slogan. The spots now offer a trademark line of hair helpers including Hot Toddy, a cream to shield locks from heat ($33), and 100 Proof Treatment Oil (shown, $35), which refreshes split ends.

2 Frock Star

JACKIE FLANAGAN, the chic force behind local women's clothing line Nana (Nanadc.com), closed her Mt. Pleasant shop in January. But her crisp, made-in-Adams Morgan dresses (shown, $159), pencil skirts ($115) and girly blouses live on. She'll release new spring styles from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in a drinks-fueled pop-up at GoodWood (1428 U St. NW; 202-986-3640), where fans can order items from the collection.

4 Write On

BACK IN THE dark ages before social media and smart-everything, folks communicated first via cave paintings and later through primitive notes on chalkboards. Wisteria's new metal message center ($60, Wisteria.com) zaps back to a simpler era when telling your husband to buy milk didn't devolve into a Twitter rant. It comes with chalk, for scrawling on the thing, and magnets, for securing invites or grocery lists.

3 Trail, Blazing

YOU MAY WANT TO EAT Trader Joe's new Triangulated Wasabi Trek Mix ($4, Traderjoes.com) alongside a glass of milk. The hot stuff includes roasted almonds, salted peanuts and peas all coated with the same piquant green goo that's served with California rolls. Toss it in a salad with crunchy noodles, stash it at your desk for mid-day snack attacks or — if you didn't give up being a jerk for Lent — throw a handful into your nemesis' bland bowl of peanuts. A word of caution: You're likely to devour the bag in less than a week. (Not that we'd know or anything.)

Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Holley Simmons. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at readexpress.com/grabbag.

DEAR MANOLO

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Now that the first day of spring has arrived, I find I need a new pair of sandals suitable to the season. I would describe my style as understated and classic, but this year, I'm feeling a powerful need for something more colorful than usual. Please help. — MARCI

Manolo says, the spring, it has sprung! Finally has arrived the most glorious time of the year, when Mother Nature shakes off the gloomy gloaming of winter, hitches up her skirts and gets to work painting the countryside in the riotous green and gold, accenting the fields with flowers and the trees with singing birds.

How can one not be in love with this vernal season, when life returns to the Earth, bringing with it the hope for better days and warmer weather?

It is only natural that we should wish to respond favorably to this bounteous love offering by choosing to wear colorful clothing and beautiful shoes. How better to honor our fabulous good fortune, and the Divine Providence that has provided it, than by expressing our joy in as many ways as possible, with the smiles and kind words, the cheerful mien and the beautiful, happy clothing? Our outward appearance should be the reflection of the happiness that resides within, so that others may share in the mood of the season.

Here is the glittery, jeweled flower metallic sandals from Miu Miu ($595, Saksfifthavenue.com), the perfectly gorgeous sandals for the perfectly gorgeous time of the year.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

lookout entertainment

THINKSTOCK

1 Up in the Air!

Spring is here, and March weather is perfect for flying a kite (we mean the crisp, breezy, sunny March weather, not the miserable rainstorm March weather). The Corcoran will hold a family workshop to teach children how to make kites, so take your kids in to construct some colorful flying machines. ***Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; Sat., 10 a.m., $10-$20; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org. (Farragut West)***

2 ISO: A New Kind of Music

UrbanArias is taking the "modern opera" idea and actually running with it. Their newish show, "Blind Dates," is a 90-minute meditation on Craigslist, three short operas (including one of Craigslist ads set to music) along with a section of two-minute operas improvised by the company. ***Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda; Fri., 8:30 p.m., $20-$22; 301-581-5100, Strathmore.org. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)***

3 How Real Girls Talk

Kate Nash's just-released third record is called "Girl Talk" but it has nothing to do with mashups and will not give you a headache a la the crazy DJ of the same name. Rather, it's full of the British singer-songwriter's sweet (and adorably accented) vocals and sometimes-scathing lyrics (listen to her 2007 hit "Foundations), accompanied by her trademark piano and keyboard effects. ***Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., 9 p.m., sold out; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com. (U Street)***

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Django Unchained (R) CC;Digital Presentation: 1:05-7:20
Zero Dark Thirty (R) CC;Digital Presentation: 11:15-2:45-6:15-9:45
Silver Linings Playbook (R) Digital Presentation: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Identity Thief (R) CC;Digital Presentation: 4:40-10:20
Spring Breakers (R) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:25-12:50-3:20-6:00-8:45-11:10
21 and Over (R) CC;Digital Presentation: 10:40-4:50-11:00
Side Effects (R) CC;Digital Presentation: 2:00-7:40
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) CC;RealD 3D: 12:30-6:30
The Croods 3D (PG) CC;RealD 3D: (!) 10:10-3:10-8:15
Dead Man Down (R) Digital Presentation: 10:30-3:45-10:50
Emperor (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 1:10-6:30
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The Call (R) CC;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:05-12:30-3:00-5:20-8:00-10:40
Oz The Great and Powerful: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX: 10:20-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:45

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) Digital Presentation: 4:45
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 8:00

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Life of Pi 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 10:50-1:40-4:30
The Croods (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: (!) 2:10-7:00
Life of Pi (PG) Digital Presentation: 7:20-10:10
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: 1:10
Silver Linings Playbook (R) Digital Presentation: 11:00-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D: 10:00-4:10-7:10-10:05
The Croods 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D: (!) 11:30-4:35-9:30
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:10-12:40-3:00-5:30-7:50-10:15
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The Call (R) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:30-12:50-3:10-5:40-8:00-10:20

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Lore (NR) Limited Engagement!: 12:30-3:10-5:40-8:15
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56 Up (NR) 5:00

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555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

On the Road (R) 1:15-4:00-7:00-10:00
No (R) 2:00-5:15-8:15-10:45
The Gatekeepers (Shomerei Ha'saf) (PG-13) 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
Stoker (R) 2:30-5:00-7:30-9:55
Quartet (PG-13) 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Spring Breakers (R) 1:00-3:20-5:40-8:00-10:20
Ginger & Rosa (PG-13) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:00
The Room (R) 11:59
Like Someone in Love (NR) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

The Croods (PG) CC/DVS: (!) 11:00-1:20-4:00-6:30
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) CC/DVS: 1:10
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC/DVS: 11:50-3:00-6:00-9:00-11:50
Silver Linings Playbook (R) CC: 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40
Identity Thief (R) CC/DVS: 9:30
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D: (!) 1:00-4:05-7:05-10:05
Dead Man Down (R) CC/DVS: 4:15-9:55
Snitch (PG-13) CC/DVS: 1:30-7:15
The Call (R) CC/DVS: 11:30-12:50-1:50-3:20-4:40-5:40-7:20-8:10-9:50-11:00
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The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) 11:40-2:40-5:05-7:35-10:30
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Admission (PG-13) 11:20-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20
Murph: The Protector (PG) 12:05-2:20-4:35-7:00-9:20-11:30

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

Life of Pi (PG) Winner- 3 Oscars- incl. Best Director!: 4:40
Silver Linings Playbook (R) Oscar winner- Best Actress Jennifer Lawrence: 1:40-4:20-6:40-9:20
War Witch (Rebelle) (NR) English Subtitles;Oscar nominee- Best Foreign Language film!: 2:00-7:00
Beyond the Hills (Dupa Dealuri) (NR) English Subtitles;From the acclaimed director of 4 Months- 3 Weeks and 2 Days: 4:00-9:00
Lore (NR) English Subtitles: 2:20-7:20-9:40

MARYLAND

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Searching for Sugar Man (PG-13) Silver Babies: 11:00AM
Stoker (R) NO PASSES: (!) 12:45-2:50-4:55-7:05-9:20
Quartet (PG-13) 11:05-1:05-3:05-5:15-7:15
Django Unchained (R) 9:30
Shadow of a Doubt (1943) (PG) 7:00
Kill Bill: Volume 1 (R) 9:15
Come and Get It (NR) 5:15

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Croods (PG) CC;Digital Presentation: (!) 12:30-5:30-10:30
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) CC;Digital Presentation: 11:15-4:45-10:25
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) CC;RealD 3D: 1:15-7:00
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC;Digital Presentation: 1:50-7:30
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) CC;RealD 3D: 10:20-11:20-2:30-4:00-5:40-8:40-9:45
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Mindless Behavior: All Around The World (G) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:45-1:00-3:15-5:25-7:50-10:15
The Call (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:05-12:20-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:10

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

The Croods (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:00-4:15-9:30
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:00
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 4:00-7:00-10:00
The Croods 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 1:15-7:00
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:45-4:15-7:30-10:10
Side Effects (R) 1:30-4:45-7:45-10:20
Olympus Has Fallen (R) 12:45-4:30-7:15-10:05

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
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The Croods (PG) CC;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:20-12:20-1:00-3:40-5:20-6:20-9:00
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) CC;Digital Presentation: 11:30AM
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) CC;RealD 3D: 5:00
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC;Digital Presentation: 10:50-5:10
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Oz The Great and Powerful: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX: 10:00-1:00-4:10-7:20-10:30
Mindless Behavior: All Around The World (G) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 11:15-1:45-4:05-6:30-9:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Life of Pi (PG) 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:50
Amour (PG-13) 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:55
Stoker (R) 1:35-4:40-7:05-9:35
No (R) 1:50-4:20-7:00-9:40
The Gatekeepers (Shomerei Ha'saf) (PG-13) 2:00-4:25-7:25-9:45
Lincoln (PG-13) 2:15-5:15-8:30
Quartet (PG-13) 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:30
Emperor (PG-13) 1:45-4:55-7:30-10:00

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

The Croods (PG) CC/DVS: (!) 12:20-2:55-5:20-7:30-9:50
Zero Dark Thirty (R) CC/DVS: 8:00
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC/DVS: 12:30-3:40-6:30-9:30
Silver Linings Playbook (R) CC: 3:45-6:50-9:55
Escape from Planet Earth (PG) CC: 1:00
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D: (!) 1:10-4:30
The Croods 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D: (!) 1:50-4:15-6:40-9:20
The Call (R) CC/DVS: 1:30-4:50-7:40-10:10
Olympus Has Fallen (R) CC/DVS: 12:40-4:00-7:10-10:15
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) 1:40-4:10-7:00-9:40
Spring Breakers (R) 2:10-5:00-7:50-10:25
Admission (PG-13) 2:00-4:40-7:15-10:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

The Croods (PG) CC/DVS: (!) 12:15-3:00-4:45-5:25-7:35-8:10-10:05-10:35
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) CC/DVS: 6:25-9:00
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC/DVS: 2:05-5:00-8:15
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D: (!) 1:05-4:00-7:10-10:15
Dead Man Down (R) CC/DVS: 1:35
Snitch (PG-13) CC/DVS: 2:00
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The Call (R) CC/DVS: 12:20-1:30-2:45-3:50-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:10-10:10
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Spring Breakers (R) 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-10:00
Admission (PG-13) 1:15-4:05-6:55-9:35
Murph: The Protector (PG) 1:00-3:15-5:30-8:00-10:20

Regal Majestic 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

Life of Pi 3D (PG) CC/DVS: (!) 9:55
The Croods (PG) CC/DVS: (!) 10:50-12:00-1:20-2:30-3:45-4:50-6:15-7:15-8:40-11:00
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) CC/DVS & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D: (!) 12:05-2:45-5:35
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC/DVS: 10:20-11:20-1:05-2:10-4:05-5:05-7:00-8:10-10:05
A Good Day to Die Hard (R) CC/DVS: 12:20AM
Silver Linings Playbook (R) CC: 3:25-6:30-9:10-11:50
Escape from Planet Earth (PG) CC: 10:45-1:05
Identity Thief (R) CC/DVS: 11:05
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Oz The Great and Powerful: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video Sel;IMAX: (!) 10:45-1:35-4:40-7:40-10:40
Olympus Has Fallen (R) CC/DVS: 10:10-11:00-12:45-1:50-3:35-4:30-6:35-7:30-9:15-10:10-11:55-12:45
Harvest of Empire (NR) 11:45-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:15
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) 10:35-1:25-3:55-7:25-10:00-12:25
Spring Breakers (R) 12:55-3:15-5:50-8:30-10:45-12:40
Admission (PG-13) 11:50-2:20-5:15-8:25-11:00-12:30
InAPPropriate Comedy (R) 10:40-1:30-3:50-6:10-8:45-11:25
Murph: The Protector (PG) 12:20-2:40-4:55-7:10-9:30

VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Life of Pi 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D;Reserved Seating: 3:30-9:10
The Croods (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: (!) 10:30-1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: 10:20-1:25-4:30-7:35-10:40
Silver Linings Playbook (R) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: 10:40-1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D;Reserved Seating: 11:00-12:45-2:05-3:50-5:10-6:55-8:15-10:00-11:20
The Croods 3D (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D;Reserved Seating: (!) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Dead Man Down (R) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: 12:50-6:30
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: (!) 10:50-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00-11:30

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The Croods (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:10-11:30-12:45-1:30-3:20-4:40-5:55-7:00-8:30-11:05-12:10
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: 10:20-1:00-9:00
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D: 3:45
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: 10:05-1:10-4:15-7:20-10:25
A Good Day to Die Hard (R) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: 10:45-4:00-12:05
Silver Linings Playbook (R) Digital Presentation: 10:05-1:05-4:10-7:10-10:10
Escape from Planet Earth (PG) CC;Digital Presentation: 10:00-12:15
Identity Thief (R) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: 1:15-6:25
Spring Breakers (R) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 11:00-1:25-3:50-6:15-7:35-8:45-10:05-11:20-12:30
21 and Over (R) CC;Digital Presentation: 12:35-5:45
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Emperor (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 2:30-5:00
Admission (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15-11:40
Snitch (PG-13) CC;Digital Presentation: 9:50-3:00-11:10
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:15-12:50-2:05-3:25-6:00-7:15-8:35-9:50-11:15-12:20
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The Call (R) CC/DVS & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation: (!) 9:55-11:20-12:30-1:50-3:00-4:20-5:30-6:50-8:00-9:20-10:30-11:50
Oz The Great and Powerful: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX: 12:10-3:15-6:20-9:25-12:25
Mindless Behavior: All Around The World (G) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 11:50-2:05-4:25-6:35-8:50-11:15

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The Man From Nowhere (Ajeossi) (R) 11:45
Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 12:00-2:40-8:05-9:50
Silver Linings Playbook (R) 10:50-1:20-4:15-7:45-10:30
Side Effects (R) 2:00-10:00
Spring Breakers (R) 11:40-1:45-3:50-5:55-8:00-10:05
Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 5:20-10:45
Helpless (Hoa-cha) (NR)
The Gatekeepers (Shomerei Ha'saf) (PG-13) 10:15-12:30-2:45-5:00-7:20
Life of Pi 3D (PG) 11:15-4:35-7:15
Stoker (R) 11:25-1:35-3:55-6:05-8:15-10:25
Admission (PG-13) 11:00-1:50-4:25-7:10-9:45
New World (NR) 10:45-1:40-4:35-7:30-10:25

Regal Ballston Common 12
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Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) CC/DVS: 12:30-3:10-6:10-9:00
Django Unchained (R) CC: 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:55
Argo (R) CC/DVS: 12:50-3:50-6:30-9:20
A Good Day to Die Hard (R) CC/DVS: 4:40-10:00
Escape from Planet Earth (PG) CC: 1:20-4:00
Lincoln (PG-13) CC/DVS: 12:40-4:30-8:10
Identity Thief (R) CC/DVS: 1:10-7:10
Snitch (PG-13) CC/DVS: 1:00
Olympus Has Fallen (R) CC/DVS: 1:50-3:30-4:50-6:20-7:00-7:40-9:10-9:50-10:30
The Call (R) CC/DVS: 12:00-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:20
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Murph: The Protector (PG) 12:20-2:40-5:00-7:20-9:40

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Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
The Croods 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:40
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TV weekend lookout

A Sound Production

Pacino, Mirren and frowsy wigs star in HBO's 'Phil Spector'

Film

SUN 9:00

The dramatic pairing of Helen Mirren and Al Pacino should be announced with a boxing poster: British understatement meets American operatic. It's a bout, or rather, a movie you just can't miss.

Everything about the first 15 minutes of HBO's David Mamet-penned "Phil Spector" is deliberately procedural. Lawyer Linda Kenney Baden (Mirren) arrives at the unremarkable law office of notorious lawyer Bruce Cutler (Jeffrey Tambor), hired by legendary music producer Phil Spector (Pacino, donning many ridiculous wigs) precisely because Cutler was the man who got mobster John Gotti acquitted.

And Spector needs the best lawyer he can get after Lana Clarkson, a former actress, is found dead of a gunshot wound in his mansion.

PHIL CARUSO/HBO

Helen Mirren, Al Pacino and Pacino's hairpieces mesmerize in HBO's "Phil Spector."

The mechanics of the legal procedural vanish when Baden arrives, alone, at Spector's "castle." Spector emerges from the shadows to greet his guest with a long harangue about the making of the 1968 Dion single "Abraham, Martin and John." The next 15 minutes belong almost exclusively to Pacino/Spector and his extended rants, often with little or nothing to do with his case.

Spector announces himself as a brilliant, paranoid, grandiose, mad recluse obsessed with his place in a history. To call this visit anything less than spellbinding would be a lie.

In fact, the trial, the facts and the real history of the case take a backseat to Mirren and Pacino at work. This may emerge as one of the more memorable performances in Pacino's long career. And that's saying a lot.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

BEST BETS

FRI 8:00

Last Man Standing (ABC) Tim Allen is reunited with a "Home Improvement" co-star in the season finale. Jonathan Taylor Thomas plays Jon, a former co-worker of Kristin's at the diner. He's now a successful restaurant owner, which makes Kristin take stock of her life.

SAT 8:00

26th Annual Kids Choice Awards (NICK) Josh Duhamel, left, hosts this edition of the slime-errific special in which young viewers pick their favorites in film, TV, music, sports, books and video games. "The Hunger Games" could be a big winner this year, with nominations in both the book and movie categories.

SUN 9:00

Married to Medicine (BRAVO) This new reality series focuses on six women with ties to the medical profession: Two are doctors, and the other four are doctors' wives. The show follows them as they balance their family obligations, work, friendships and charitable endeavors.

SUN 9:00

The Good Wife (CBS) When an unstable client is murdered, the police persuade Alicia to waive attorney-client privilege to help them catch the killer, who may also be after someone else. Peter competes with Mike Kresteva (Matthew Perry, left) for a key endorsement. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Marathon

Keep It 'Real,' MTV

Before "The Real World" moves to Portland, Ore., MTV is firing up the wayback machine for "RetroMTV: The Real World." Starting Friday at 8 p.m., MTV will air the show's first season (New York). Then comes season 12 (Sat., 2 p.m.), which was set in Las Vegas and introduced us to Trishelle Cannatella, above. Finally, season 3: San Francisco and the tragic story of Pedro Zamora (Sun., 8 a.m.). (EXPRESS)

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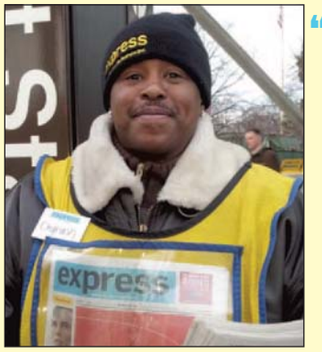
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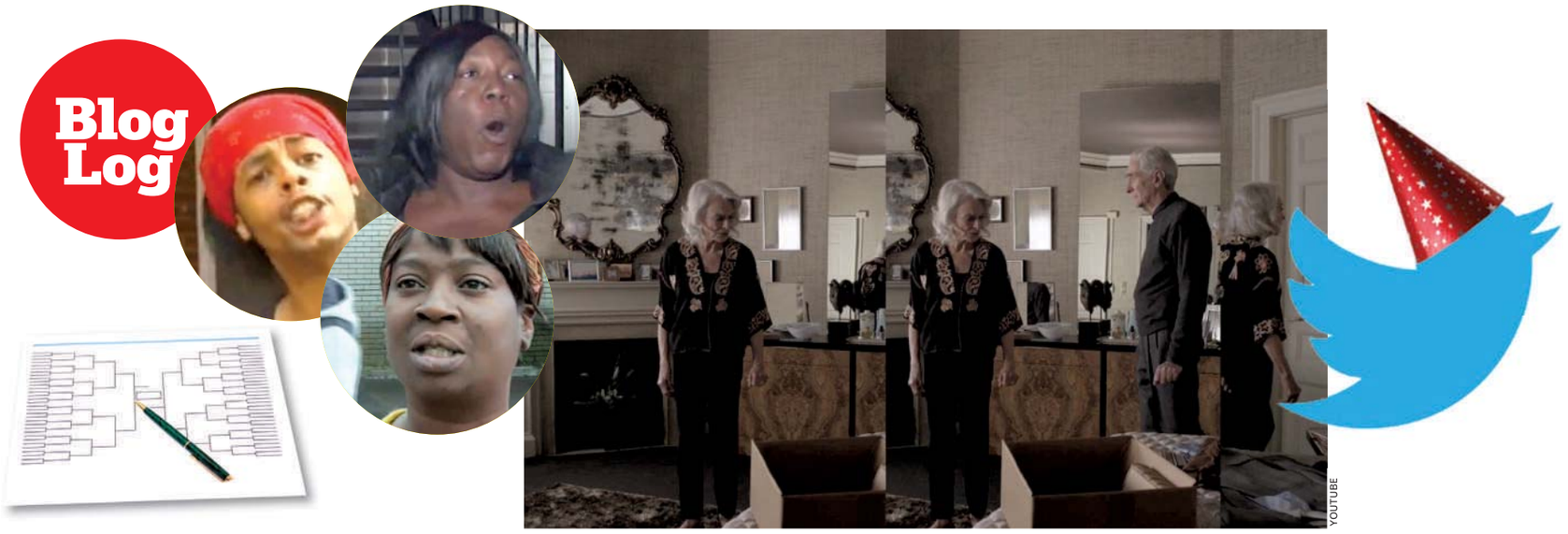
YOUTUBE

"That day of the year again, when your gambling addiction beats out the fact that you know nothing about college basketball."

—**@THEFAKEESPN** celebrates the beginning of the second round of the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament Thursday.

"1. Wait for something unusual to happen 2. Go talk to someone [in] the hood about it 3. ??? 4. Profit!!!"

—**COMMENTER TODD T AT YOUTUBE.COM** reacts to a KPRC-TV news interview with Michelle Clark of Brookshire, Texas, after a hail storm. In the video, Clark — pictured at top — says the noise it made was "Kabooyow, kabooyow!" The uploader subtitled the video, "The most hilarious news blooper interview and best meme since Sweet Brown or Antoine Dodson!" Sweet Brown is pictured below Clark; Antoine Dodson is pictured at left.

"While 'Suit & Tie' was a Bond-smooth ode to Tom Ford and Alexander Wang, 'Mirrors' is far and away the most artistic video Justin [Timberlake]'s ever done, packed with metaphor, meaning, and blink-and-you-miss-it visuals."

—**RACHEL BRODSKY AT BUZZWORTHY.MTV.COM** analyzes Timberlake's new video from his album "The 20/20 Experience," which was released this week.

"It also features that Spock 'humor' from the last trailer and probably has the most scenes of Benedict Cumberbatch yet, both of which are very good things."

—**JESSE DAVID FOX AT VULTURE.COM** reacts to the release of a new "Star Trek Into Darkness" trailer, adding that "The film comes out on May 15, be there or be a Klingon or something."

"Happy 7th Birthday Twitter. Connecting people online and disconnecting them from reality since 2006."

—**@VMR9966** cracks a joke about the social networking site on its special day Thursday.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're going to want to focus on the details today, as they make all the difference — especially when persuasion is the name of the game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An unusual strategy can serve you well today, though you may want to employ extra care when you're doing something you're not used to doing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're getting a bit stuck in old ways of thinking about certain key issues. What is needed now is a new and youthful approach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're in no mood to listen to the experts today, but you do need one or two key pieces of information that only they can provide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be surprised by an offer that comes your way from an unusual source. What you're after may not be possible just yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Patience is required today on all fronts — especially where children and young people are involved. You can learn something from a role model.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may not know anyone who can do what needs to be done, so let the search begin. By day's end, you'll be closer to a permanent fix.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You believe that you do, indeed, get what you pay for — which is why you're willing to pay quite a bit for what you really need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You've been trying to do things a certain way — but it's not "your" way. Instead of imitating another, try an original approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Once you get a look at the object of your desire, you're not likely to be satisfied with anything else. Is that what you want?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You must strive to remember names and faces today, and quick recall will be essential when you are put to the test.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 240

							RACK 1
E1	I1	K5	H4	N1	G2	R1	
							RACK 2
U1	U1	P3	M3	W4	G2	M3	Triple Word Score
							RACK 3
A1	A1	I1	O1	S1	R1	V4	3rd Letter Double
							RACK 4
I1	O1	Y4	L1	R1	G2	T1	

Yesterday's Solution

U1	N1	K5	N1	O1	W4	N1	RACK 1 =	74
B3	L1	U1	E1	J8	A1	Y4	RACK 2 =	69
T1	U1	I1	T1	I1	O1	N1	RACK 3 =	57
O1	U1	T1	J8	U1	M3	P3	RACK 4 =	86
PAR SCORE 210-220							TOTAL	286

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

3		6	5	8		2		
	7			9				
					7		5	4
2			6	1				
	8			3			9	
				4	9			5
9	1		4					
				5			4	
		4		2	3	6		1

Yesterday's Solution

7	1	2	9	6	3	8	5	4
9	8	6	1	5	4	2	7	3
4	5	3	7	2	8	1	6	9
6	4	7	8	1	2	3	9	5
1	2	9	6	3	5	4	8	7
5	3	8	4	9	7	6	2	1
2	7	1	3	8	9	5	4	6
3	9	5	2	4	6	7	1	8
8	6	4	5	7	1	9	3	2

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

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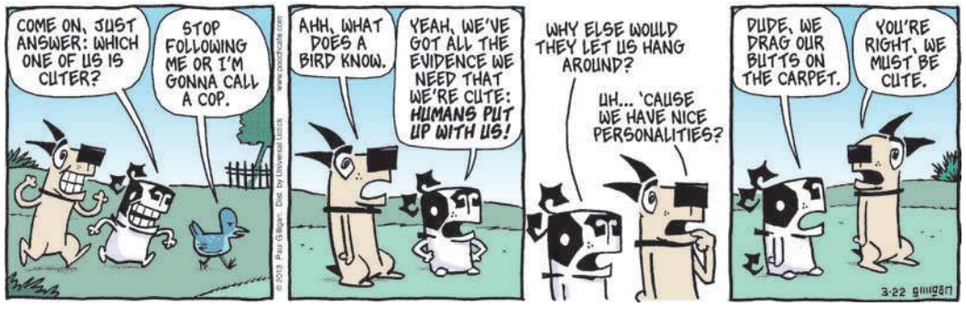
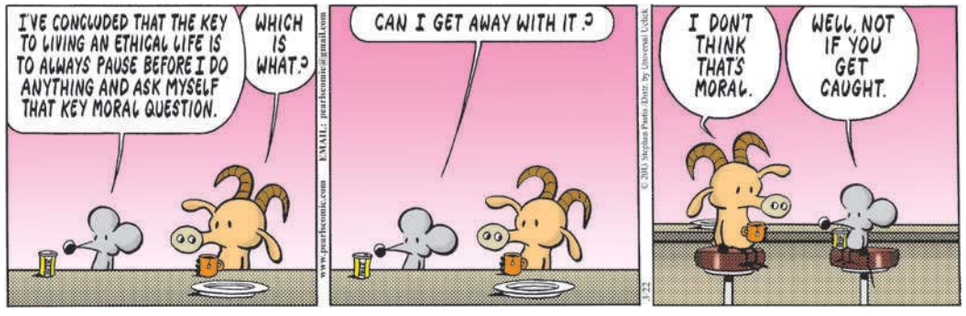


PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast

50 | 31

Today: Partly sunny, breezy and chilly today. Partly cloudy and cold tonight.

50 | 34

Tomorrow: Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
44 | 35	48 | 36	46 | 34

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:08 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:22 p.m.
Moonrise today: 2:51 p.m.
Moonset today: 4:06 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 58
Record high: 89
Normal low: 39
Record low: 10

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Crossword

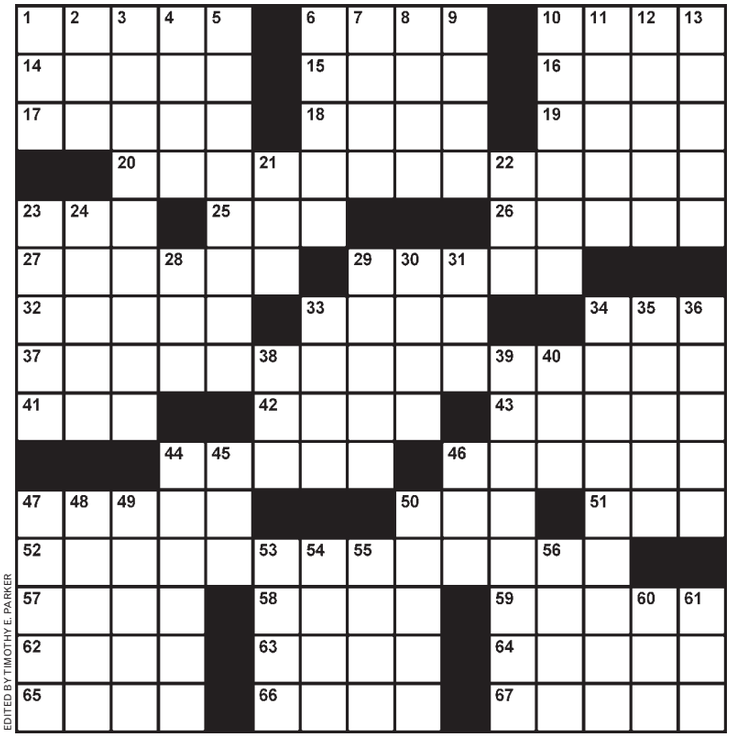
METAL WORKS

ACROSS

1 Like most encyclicals
6 Clam and onion, for two
10 Waive the admission fee
14 Old manuscript markings
15 Reed instrument
16 Nabisco moneymaker
17 Alpha Cygni
18 Lawyer's reading
19 Spot for potted herbs
20 Some parts for a fearless robot?
23 Thespian Wallach
25 It's slippery when wet
26 Way with strays?
27 Wine taster's pride
29 Far from form-fitting
32 Chemically nonreactive
33 Back of the neck
34 Prime meridian std.
37 Digestive fortitude?
41 Female sib
42 Sugar source
43 Ballerinas find it supportive
44 Eastern nannies
46 ___ de corps
47 Anchor line's hole
50 Geneva-based workers grp.
51 "___ Little Teapot"
52 Handy weapon?
57 "Puss in Boots" beast
58 Foreign currency
59 Act on a sudden itching for a hitching
62 Kennel Club reject
63 Try not to be taken by surprise
64 Plant with aromatic leaves
65 Porgy's love
66 Misfortunes
67 Follow an event

DOWN

1 Cacao container
2 Mount Rushmore moniker
3 Broke
4 On the protected side
5 Operatic texts
6 Bounty holder?
7 Venerated Nile bird
8 Casual shirt
9 ___-help book
10 Expensive
11 Bracket-braced window
12 Chaotic brawl
13 Stereotypical parrot name
21 Boomerang shape
22 Become droopy
23 Cinematic spectacles
24 "The Pineapple Island"
28 Miro, Miro on the wall?
29 Marriage announcement
30 Notre Dame niche
31 Grasp
33 Genesis builder
34 Posts for privates
35 Theatrical backdrop
36 Eighth Greek letter
38 "His Master's Voice" co.
39 Out-of-date
40 Where you may be given some latitude?
44 Balance-sheet pluses
45 "Affirmative"
46 Canadian creature
47 Thermonuclear explosive
48 Make a case
49 ___ and all (as is)
50 Computer screenful
53 French soldier's cap
54 Legally invalid
55 River through Russia
56 Zest for life
60 The Nittany Lions' sch.
61 It takes in the sights



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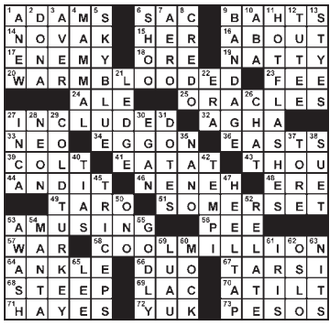
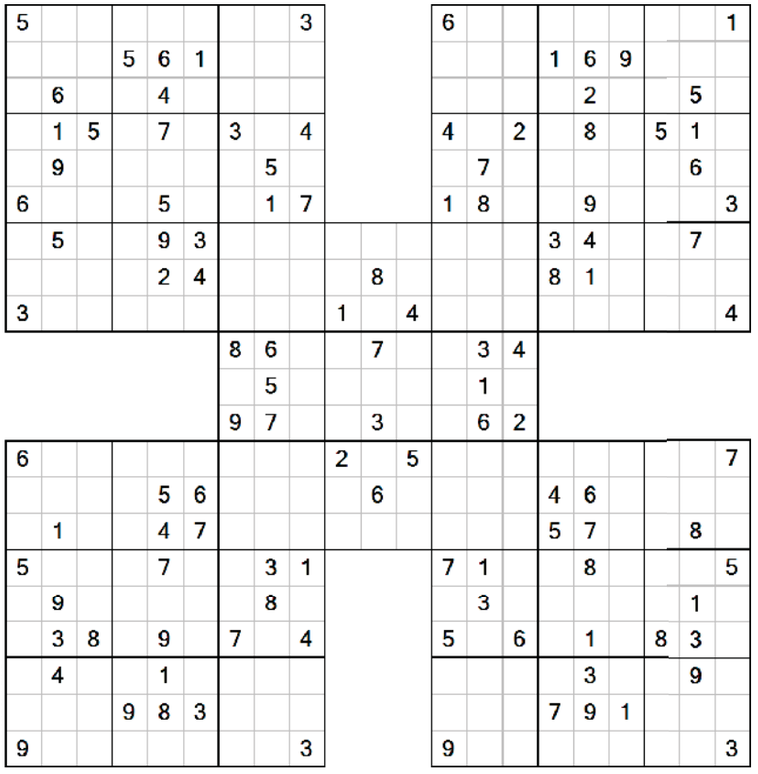


Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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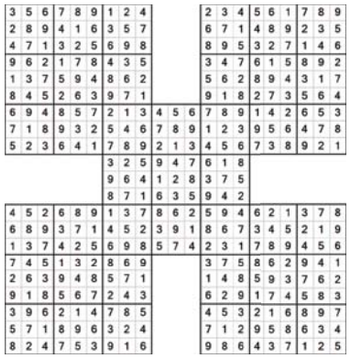
Last Week's Solution



TODAY IN HISTORY

1765 The British Parliament passes the Stamp Act of 1765 to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resist the tax.

1820 U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur is killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C.

1933 During Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

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'Our Other Plan Involved Fake Mustaches'

Tiger Woods explained Wednesday why he and girlfriend Lindsey Vonn decided to release professional portraits and announce their relationship publicly Monday: It was a strategy. "We basically devalued the first [paparazzi] photos," he said during a news conference, according to Us Weekly. (EXPRESS)

THE JOINT

Barely Enough Time to Plan Elaborate Escape

Bobby Brown served only nine hours of a 55-day jail sentence that followed his second DUI arrest in seven months. TMZ reports that while the L.A. County Sheriff's Department announced that he'd serve nine days of his sentence, he wound up serving from 9:58 a.m. to 6:58 p.m. Wednesday. He has to wear a monitoring bracelet for eight days. (EXPRESS)

ISAAC BREKKEN/GETTY IMAGES

'This song is for all the ladies I met in jail—didn't have time to get your names!'

Dirtbag Digest

Then She Sued All Kates on Facebook

Kate Gosselin has gotten into a Twitter battle with a man who shares her last name. Radar Online reports that she tweeted at a man named Carlos Gosselin: "@RealCGosselin it is illegal to impersonate people on twitter etc. please change your ID and email immediately." He responded "Love you mom." (EXPRESS)

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Thousands of flowers died to make Lady Gaga's fashion-forward head sling.

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Better Than Ever

Lady Gaga's manager says the pop star is "doing unbelievable" a month after she had hip surgery that caused her to cancel her U.S. tour. Vincent Herbert said Tuesday that the 26-year-old Grammy winner is "doing wonderful, doing great." Gaga, whose real name is Stefani Germanotta, injured herself while performing some time ago. Herbert says Gaga is finishing her new album, "ARTPOP," and is "ready to get back to work." (AP)

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'You can call us Blartheiser or Vinlexis—whichever sounds more glamorous.'

SO CLOSE AND YET SO FAR

Couple Currently Sixth In Line to Be 'Next Brangelina'

Former "Gilmore Girl" Alexis Bledel and "Mad Men" star Vincent Kartheiser are engaged. Bledel's publicist confirmed the news, first reported by Us Weekly. The couple have been dating for about a year. Kartheiser, 33, plays ad man Pete Campbell on the AMC drama, where, last season, Pete had an affair with a friend's wife, played by Bledel in a guest role. (AP)

"I need a break from myself as much as I imagine the audience does."

—RYAN GOSLING, TELLING THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HE'S PLANNING TO TAKE A HIATUS FROM ACTING BECAUSE HE'S "LOST PERSPECTIVE" ON HIS WORK

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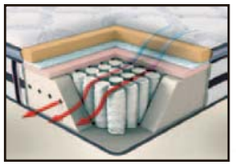

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